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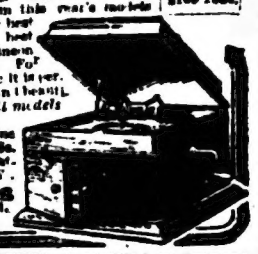

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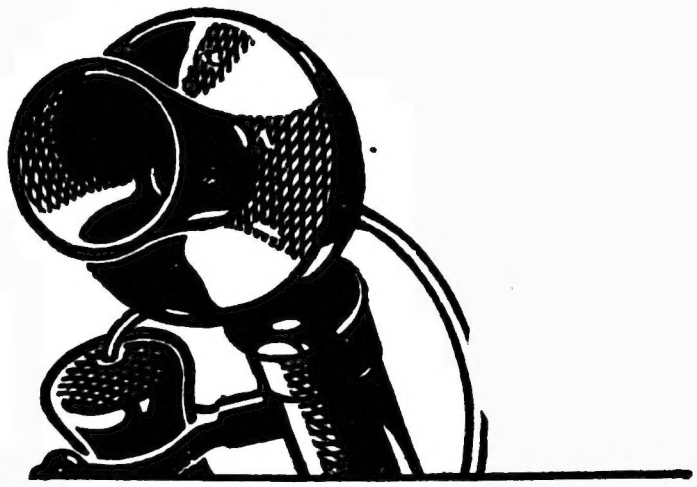

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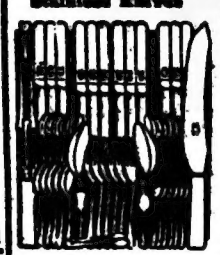

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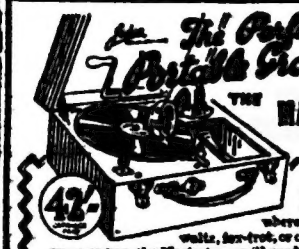

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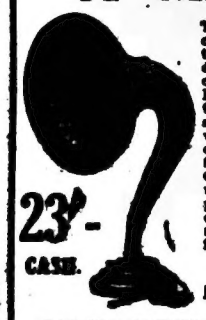

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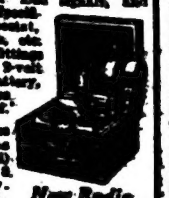

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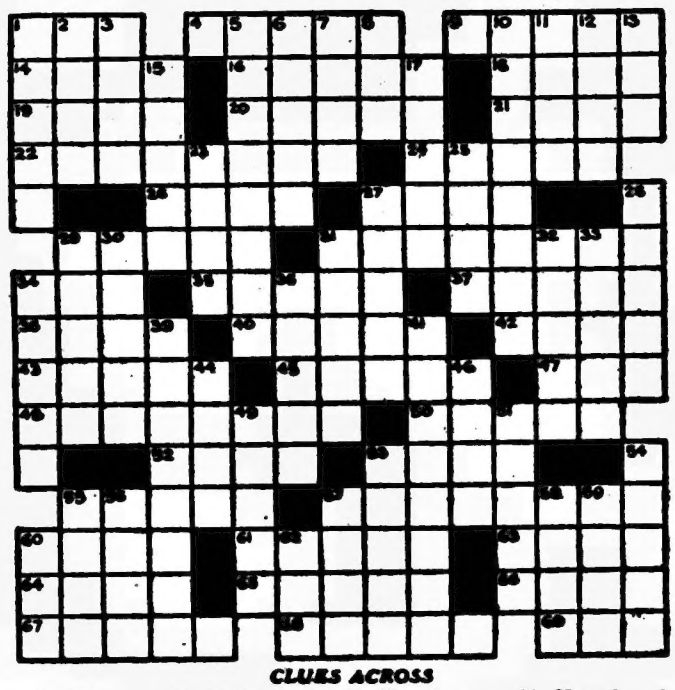

CLUES ACROSS

1. Canine.
4. To wash.
9. Military parson.
14. One.
16. Found.
18. Den.
19. Cat's murmur.
20. Human organ.
21. Bees' home.
22. Calculation.
24. Delete.
26. Tapering to a point.
27. Froth.
29. Unfair play.
31. Poison for rats.
34. Pronoun.
35. Darkness.
37. A mistake.
38. Perverter of the truth.
40. Frog's cry.
42. Parched.
43. S. American mountains.
45. Interior.
47. Donkey.
48. French State prison.
50. Agitate in water.
52. Stone of changeable colours.
53. A music term.
55. To break open.
57. American game.
59. Transported in ecstasy.
61. Nymph of Mahommedan paradise.
63. Relating to the ear.
64. Semi-tropical plant.
65. Consumed.
66. Substance of the skeleton.
67. Inclines.
68. Honoured.
69. French for "sea."

CLUES DOWN

1. Deceived.
2. Responsibility.
3. Bound.
5. An ocean.
6. Commonplace.
7. Brighton's neighbour.
8. The day before.
10. Famous music-hall.
11. Raised platform.
12. To split.
13. Before.
15. To haul and tie up.
17. Build.
23. To groan.
25. A trick.
27. The devil.
28. Droves of cattle.
29. Oriental country.
30. "... or tails."
31. Continental river.
32. Hangings of tapestry.
33. Sound.
34. Planes of stone.
36. To broil.
39. Answered sharply.
41. A luminant.
44. Small quantities.
46. Be carried.
49. Turning machine.
51. Indian prince.
53. The mark ^
54. A skin eruption.
55. Bundle.
56. Resting on.
57. Scottish island.
58. Minute particle.
59. An extended mark.
60. Rodent.
62. A foolish child.

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P. P. Bennett, Horley, Banbury, Oxon.
J. Biggs, Worthies, King's Worthy, Winchester.
M. Blackwell, 46, Hillside, Stoke Heath, Coventry.
R. R. Blake, 35, Rockliffe Rd., Bath.
J. Blakely, 14, Shelling Rd., Itchen, Southampton.
W. W. Bolton, 11, Marsdenhall Rd., Nelson.
H. W. Boyce, 1, Aldwych St., South Shields.
H. Bracegirdle, 6, Trinity Terr., Northwich.
L. Brooker, 113, Wardo Av., Fulham, S.W.
H. Burke, 73, Hathaway Rd., Grays, Essex.
W. J. Chartaway, 9, Brooks Av., Milford Haven.
A. C. Cherington, 98, North Park St., Glasgow.
J. Christopher, 3, Tulketh Rd., Preston, Lancs.
A. Clarkson, 14, Albion St., Brierfield, Lancs.
Mrs. F. H. Clements, 25A, Kingwood Rd., Fulham.
W. G. Cole, Depot Barracks, Dorchester.
Mrs. Collier, 79, Victoria Rd., Kentish Town.
W. Couchman, 58, Chippenham Rd., London, W.
Capt. W. Dalziel, 73, Robertson St., Glasgow.
W. Davies, 17, Coppice Rd., Highfields, Doncaster.
W. Dawson, 67, Busk St., Chadderton, Nr. Oldham.
W. Day, 45, Tabor Rd., Hammersmith.
Mrs. Doyle, 12, Hen St., Wigan, Lancs.
A. Duddin, 24, Richmond Av., Spalwell, Co. Durham.
W. Dunlop, James Syn Cres., Kilmarnock, N.B.
J. E. Edgley, Finchley House, Chelmsford.
W. Eveleigh, 2, Christchurch Terr., London, S.W.
A. Farrar, 110, Upper Rd., Batley Carr, Batley.
Miss W. Ferguson, 24, Jamieson Pl., Edinburgh.
Mrs. C. Fish, 69, Marfield St., Hull.
B. Foster, 72, Mortimer Rd., Itchen, Southampton.
P. Francis, 20, Park St., C.-on-M., Manchester.
F. Goadby, Newry Rd., Armagh.
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S. F. Heath, 2, Silliss Av., Redditch, Worcs.
I. Hedges, 127, Northfield Rd., Coventry.
W. Henry, 21, Hackle St., Clayton, M/c.
A. Hesse, 15, York Terr., Hilsea, Cosham, Hants.
J. Hutchesen, 20, Queenswood Av., Thornton Heath.
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R. F. Johnson, Rippingale Station, Bourne, Lincs.
E. Jones, 39, Richard St., Cilfynydd, Pontypridd.
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W. F. Kearton, Low Padstow, Chester Moor.
Miss M. Keeling, 9, Carlton Pl., Eastnor.
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Miss C. McPhee, 7, Jernayn St., Stamford, Lincs.
B. Middleton, 54, Market St., Northampton.
Miss M. Millington, 63, Petergate, York.
B. Morris, 31, Regent St. West, Briton Ferry.
J. Murphy, 19, Oswald St., Accrington, Lancs.
S. R. Naylor, 7, Brixton Hill, Brixton, S.W.
J. R. Normington, Mill Lane, Byhill, Wakefield.
M. Owens, 35, Connaught Rd., London, N.
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R. Philppen, 13, Brighton Rd., Cheltenham.
M. Pinkney, 15, West Wear St., Sunderland.
H. M. Racey, 223, City Rd., Sheffield.
Mrs. D. Russell, 39, Church St., Ayr, N.B.
W. Sears, 165, Highbury Hill, London, N.
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W. G. Sheppard, 50, Benares Rd., London, S.E.
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F. Wright, 222, Algernon Rd., Ladywell, S.E.
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S. Yates, 14, Bunney St., C.-on-M., Manchester.

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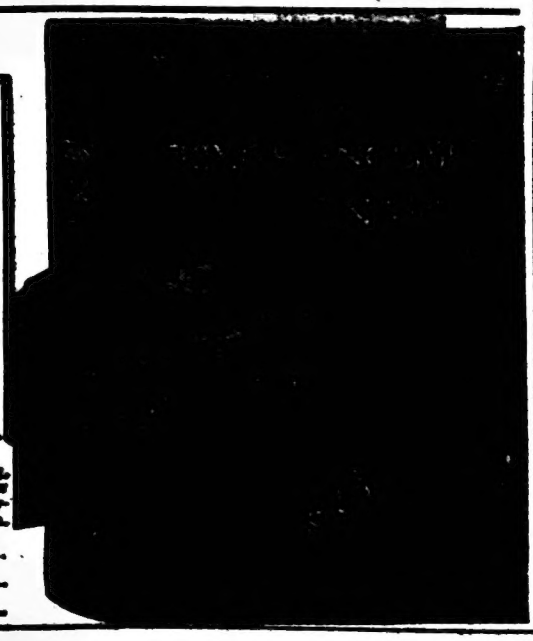

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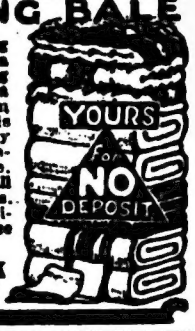

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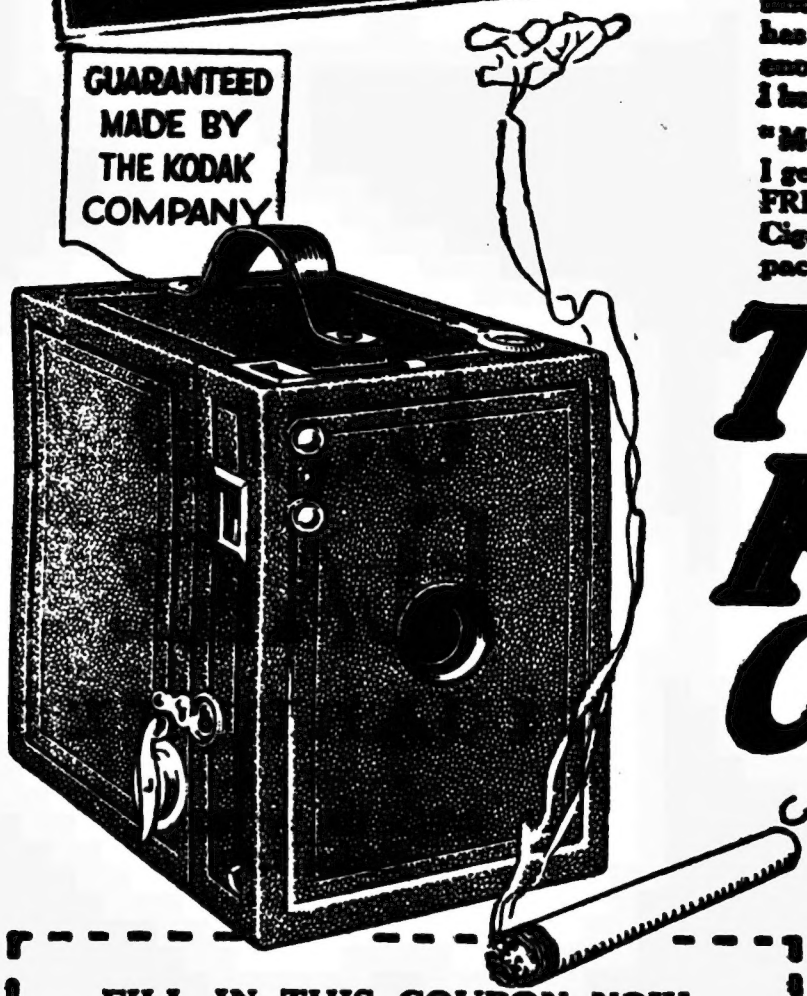

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The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Blind to the Times.

Is Conservatism going to pull forward or pull back? The Party is really at a crisis in its fate, but the bulk of the Party doesn't know it.

Build or Bury.

The Scarborough conference showed not the faintest idea of true Conservatism. Only a corpse can be preserved by antiseptics. In the life of a nation true Conservatism is not "preservatism."

Missionary Commissioners.

In agriculture, what so fruitful as education in co-operation? Why not send out Government commissioners to preach and organise co-operative buying, banking and marketing? Joined with a genuine small holdings system, this would double the prosperity of our British soil.

Leaderless Liberals.

Liberals are becoming steadily more resentful of the fact that they are virtually a Party without a leader. The resignation of Lord Oxford leaves the remnants. of the Party completely in the air, but Lord Reading, the only likely Leader, is virtually out of politics.

Who Will he Be?

The chances of the warring sections reaching agreement are remote. An attempt will soon be made to acquire a leader not prominently identified with either camp.

No Settlement.

The fundamental fact about the coal stoppage is that, for all it has cost, it has settled—nothing. Both the Government and Parliament shirked the duty of controlling an economic transformation. So the industry must again try to muddle through.

Goose and Gander.

A Conservative spokesman declares that "the union side of industry needs reorganisation by the Government." If mismanagement is a crime, why the union side only?

Extremists Barred.

By a vote of 3,414,000 against 209,000, sentence of banishment has been pronounced upon the Communists by the Socialist Party. It is small wonder that Moscow is growing tired.

Wisdom's Way.

The speech of Mr. Robert Williams was doubly welcome, since his moderation was in striking contrast to many of his former utterances. "Let us seek industrial peace through conciliation," he advised. This is the policy of real statesmanship.

Tin Tinnabulation.

There has been a big demand for tin lately, buying being stimulated by favourable advices from America. From £315 10s. per ton it has jumped to £550. Speculators wangle prices and the housewife pays.

The Cornwall Rush.

Cornish tin mines, idle for four years, are now working full strength, and moors and beaches are being combed for tin deposits. The tin workers have had long days of poverty. They must have their fair share of the boom.

The Bright Bit.

On the whole British industry is more settled than ever before since the war—the one exception being the coalfields. When they come in line prosperity is assured.

It's Sound.

Those who still maintain this country is going to the dogs should compare our finances with those of other countries. It's a pity some of our grousers can't be given a few months on the Continent—at the Continental workers' level. That would put a stop to the grumbling.

Why Not Try?

We like the motto of the Royal Engineers Old Comrades' Association "Service—Not Self." Put into daily operation it would do more than revolutionise both home life and industry. It would actually save the world.

Towards Unity.

The Churches believe that if "they cease competing and embark on a campaign of joint evangelism," it will prove them in earnest to "make England Christian." Christ's plan was to begin with supplying food and drink to the needy, and it's never been bettered.

A Disturbing Fact.

Not only has Japan displaced Great Britain as the chief customer of Bombay, but she can buy cotton there, spin it, and reimport it so as to compete successfully with the local mills. The Eastern menace may become very real if we don't soon put our house in order.

Lead from Germany.

For the welfare of the world at large we hope the nations will agree to Germany's suggestion to ban chemical warfare from the air. The dissemination of bacteriological infections and the use of asphyxiating gases are sheer barbarity.

A Worthy Goal.

Birmingham, with an all-inclusive scheme for new civic buildings and a new centre for the city aims at leading the country in municipal townworthiness. If alongside this goes an adequate housing scheme for the people we're all for it.

103 more Cheques for Registered Readers.

See page 2.

Food Council Demands.

Bread in Wakefield is 11d. per quartern and the Food Council asks why. So do we. For bread to be unnecessarily dear in this part of the country is adding insult to injury. It's the North that's hit the worst by the coal trouble.

Tricks of Trade.

Making scales go down quickly, selling apples singly instead of by the pound and selling fish by the pound instead of at so much each are all examples of sharp practice by which extra profits are made. The Food Council must insist on legislation.

Money for Spending.

Local authorities have direct control of some £2,000,000,000. This colossal sum is taxed from the people, yet we prophesy that barely half the electors will go to the November polls to ensure the election of the right people to spend it.

The Tragedy.

Asked by the Highgate magistrate if he had sought work under the Liverpool Corporation Tramways a Merseyside man replied, "There are 5,000 waiting for the first vacancy." It's just another sidelight on our terrific unemployment.

The Excuse.

Langley Mill Co-operative Society, when fined at Mansfield for selling short-weight bread, blamed outcrop coal which dried up the bread in the ovens by slow baking. We blame carelessness. It's possible to weigh bread *after* baking.

For Easter Day.

According to the Ministry of Health nine thousand Easter eggs were condemned as containing quartz, zinc, copper and sawdust. Thus do "Christian" countries celebrate the risen Christ—by profits from the poisoning of little children's stomachs.

The Unknown Lady.

Quite anonymously a woman has given £600 to purchase radium for the new Sussex Hospital for women and children at Brighton. The relief of helpless cancer patients will be her reward.

We Don't Agree.

Sentencing two postmen for theft, the Marylebone magistrate declared, "The amount of robbery in the Post Office is scandalous." On the contrary. We have over two million postal workers and they are famed for integrity.

Bunkum.

That "the capacity for output in the world's industries is rapidly outstripping consumption capacity" was a point that impressed the big business representatives in their meeting at Romsey. Why not talk sense? Until every man, woman and child has enough for comfort, capacity for output can't be outstripped. It's the purchasing power that's lacking.

The WORLD, the FLESH & the DEVIL

Remember the "Heroes"!

The Archbishop of Canterbury, backed by his Grace of York, has advised that Armistice Day collections in the churches shall be handed to the British Legion Appeal Fund for the benefit of distressed ex-Service men and their dependents, and the widows and children of the fallen. Carried unanimously!

A Wrong Diagnosis.

When Duncan Forrest M'Kennon was up at Greenock for theft, it was reported that he was physically suitable but mentally unsuitable for Borstal, and the court's sentence was three months in jail. The pity was it did not occur to the lad's judge that his possible needs were a hospital and medical treatment.

Captain Courageous.

All honour to Captain R. L. Reiss for his brave speech at the Church Congress denouncing the inaction of religious bodies in face of housing evils. In the view of this militant Churchman, "environment puts obstacles in the way of people leading Christian lives." Can anyone doubt it? To practise Christian virtues in a slum hovel calls for the qualities of the martyr and the saint.

Safety and the Scaffold.

Folk who argue that the scaffold is the only safeguard against murder should study the figures compiled by Mr. Roy Calvert from Italian criminal records. Since Italy abolished the death penalty in 1889, there has been a decrease of two-thirds in the rates of murders to the numbers of the population. That hanging is socially healthy is mere superstition, refuted by unanswerable facts.

Pioneering for Peace.

Once again the Danish Parliament is being invited to sanction proposals for complete national disarmament by sea, land and air. This gallant little nation has bravely "hitched her wagon to a star." It may be long before she finds imitators among the big Powers, but the undying credit of the first heroic step will be her title to honour for all the centuries to come.

Worthy Veterans.

The King's kindly recognition of nine veteran drivers of Royal trains was a gracious act. Their combined ages totalled 663 years, their united service reached 487, and between them they had driven 20,460,000 miles without the suspicion of an accident. All of them are now living in retirement at Crewe. His Majesty's warm-hearted thought was splendidly deserved.

Humanity in Gaiters.

The Bishop of Woolwich is not too proud to join in the daily turmoil of his flock. His plea before a traffic committee for a Tube extension was supported by his first-hand evidence of the twice-daily fight for 'bus and tram that his people have to put up. "I get left again and again by active young ladies," said the Bishop. He will never get left out of the affections of his people.

The Breaking-point.

A Whitechapel woman despatched her baby girl to the municipal day-nursery with a note saying, "I am penniless and destitute. Will you please give my baby some food?" It may have been false, of course, but the greater likelihood is that it was pathetically and tragically true. Let those who have never known the frenzy of despair use the widest charity towards those who falter in the grim struggle against hopeless odds.

Wise Management Recognised.

We like to read in the will of Mr. John Henry Stark, of Highmead, Calton Avenue, Dulwich, that a handsome bequest of one thousand guineas is left to his housekeeper, Elizabeth Flack, "to whom," writes the testator, "I am much indebted for the care and management of my house." That's how it should be. To manage a house and turn it into a home is a skilled trade. We are glad that it has been recognised as such.

One-sided.

Mr. Sutton, of Watchet, complained at Williton Court that though his wife had run away, previous to which he had given her all his wages, a number of bills had since come in, and he failed to see why he should pay for her extravagance in the circumstances. The judge warned him that he was liable. It seems to us that it is the man who needs protection nowadays.

Yorkshire Tykes.

By dressing as labourers and applying for work at a sugar-beet factory, two young constables of York ran to earth an illicit beer-selling house at Poppleton. Owing to the evidence they were able to supply, the county magistrates have fined Mrs. Ada Scales and her husband each £25 and confiscated their stocks of intoxicants. Those Yorkshire "bobbies" deserve a word of praise. It's a pity that their names are withheld.

To the Rescue.

While playing with his brother Henry, aged thirteen, Roy Pittock, eight, fell into a disused gasometer tank containing 25 ft. of water. Henry clung to the side and reached out a foot, which the younger grasped. However, the older boy could not retain his hold, and he too fell. Both would have been drowned but for a young man, William Towns, who was attracted by the cries of the lads. First he rescued Henry, and then, diving in again, brought Roy to safety. South Shields should be proud of William Towns.

A Very Perfect Gentleman.

When George Henry Hall, employed for forty years by a Mitcham firm of gravel pit owners, passed his third score year and ten, he was spoken to. "Look here, George," said his employers, "you have served faithfully for nearly forty years, and are getting on. What about retiring on a pound a week?" "No," said George, "a man is never too old to work." So he was given two pounds a week on condition that he merely "pottered" as he wished. Now George has passed, but his memory remains. "He was a pillar of strength," testified the chairman of the company, "a standing example to younger men."

The Human Machine

Two Tales

by E. R. THOMPSON, M.A.

A SPARTAN boy once complained to his father that his sword was too short. "Then add a step forward to it!" replied his father.

There is very little in life to which this bold advice is not applicable. Most things can be done if we have the pluck and energy to "add a step forward."

But there is another thing that should be borne in mind to make this advice thoroughly sound. In the nineteenth chapter of the Acts of the Apostles there is a gentleman mentioned whom everyone would do well to consult.

This is the Town Clerk of Ephesus, whose counsel was "to do nothing rashly."

A certain business man, when any proposal of consequence was put before him, was always in the habit of saying, "Let us first consult with the Town Clerk of Ephesus!"

NOW here we have almost a complete guide to, and philosophy of, life. Do nothing rashly, but once having given your future course of action full and calm thought, go right ahead and scoff at obstacles.

Take a step forward and meet the difficulties with a bold front. The shortest mental "sword" becomes a weapon of power when pluck is behind it!

Lonely Garrisons.

The trooping season brings us many letters of complaint from troops in lonely stations in distant lands, who feel they have been overlooked. From the island of Mauritius we hear of a battery which is now embarking upon its fourth year in that lonely spot, with no immediate likelihood of a move to another station. It may be that the exigencies of the Service necessitate their prolonged sojourn in those regions, but many people will sympathise with them.

Overdue.

Now that we have paid tribute to the genius and determination of Sir Alan Cobham, who has been deservedly honoured by the King, it would be unworthy of us as a nation longer to ignore the claims to recognition of the gallant Mr. A. B. Elliot, his dead mechanic. We are not of those who advocate the granting of a posthumous title or medal; we submit that the better way would be to allow his mother a State pension on which she could live in comfort for the remainder of her days.

A Tramp's Honesty.

This is the tale of a humble tramp, whose needs were great, but whose honesty was greater. He picked up on the road a woman's handbag, containing £17, which he carried to the Alton (Hants) Police Station. The police communicated with the Gosport woman whose address was found within, with the result that she instructed them to reward the man with £3. If we knew the name of the tramp we would record it, if only that our readers might pay homage to an inherently honest man.

Congratulations.

We congratulate the *People* for its success in bringing together two brothers who had not seen nor heard of each other for sixteen years. Bill Lowings is an ex-Service man living at Eastleigh, Hants, and Teddy, who ran away from home at fourteen and disappeared, also fought on the Somme. Through an appeal from Bill, published in the *People*, Teddy realised his people were still alive, and going down to Eastleigh threw himself into Bill's arms. It was a very happy time all round.

Poverty's Pride.

At an inquest held at Lambeth on James Harding, labourer, of Old Paradise Street, the coroner came to the conclusion that it was the case of a man who wanted work and could not obtain it, and who disliked the idea of applying for relief. Folly, no doubt, to sacrifice one's life for pride; yet it is something infinitely more reprehensible than folly that a man so desirous to work should be denied the right to do so. Something's wrong somewhere in the state of Britain, and our puerile politicians seem powerless.

A Gallant Deed.

Few men would risk almost certain death in the hope of saving the life of a horse, yet Joseph Hopkins, a labourer of Llanelly, is entitled to our homage for this gallant deed. He led the horse and cart on to the G.W.R. level-crossing, and left the animal to follow while he went to open the further gate. Suddenly he heard the sound of an approaching train, on which he dashed back to the horse's rescue. The train crashed into the cart, which swung round and killed him. A hero died when humble Hopkins passed.

Hammering Away.

We believe that there is nothing more effective than a ceaseless importunity in order to gain one's desires. As we, with Dr. John Fawcett, believe that the provision of playing-fields is vital to the welfare of the nation, we hasten to support his recent plea for the multiplication of these, though we have already advocated the cause many times. We have no desire to see 80 per cent. of our men soldiers, yet it is sad to reflect that we have this number among us who are unfitted to serve. Playing-fields for physical development are a national need.

A Growing Evil.

It is an open secret that a cock-fighting match on a large scale has recently taken place in the Peak district, and that another is to be held in Wiltshire in the near future. A short time ago we warned our readers that these disgusting exhibitions were growing in popularity, and we called upon the police to stop them. Unless immediate steps are taken to this effect we shall have a good deal more to say upon the matter.

An Out-and-out Rotter.

After deceiving Emily Peate, a domestic servant of Clapham Common, Harry Dyke, a railway porter of Edmonton, cajoled from her a gold bracelet, which he pawned and then misinformed her as to his address. The North London magistrate has sent Harry to prison for three months' hard labour. These are not days when a man may make a girl the mother of his child, steal her jewellery, and then get away with impunity.

King of the Dumps.

Mr. F. N. Pickett, an Englishman, has succeeded where many foreigners have failed. He paid £3,000,000 for the ammunition dumps on the Western Front and turned the stores of lurking death into valuable raw material for the metal industries. Before he took over, twenty lives a day were being lost in the work, but since then the total death-roll is under twenty. He made work and dangerous work safe for many a down-and-out. He is a business man who matters.

Fagin to Date.

Aptly was George Mounter, rag and bone merchant, of Torquay, described by the prosecuting solicitor as a modern Fagin. The scoundrel had employed four boys, aged from fourteen to sixteen, to strip lead from the roofs of buildings, for which he gave them small sums, and later sold at a high figure. It is a pity that the magistrates did not commit him for trial, so that he might have been awarded a fit punishment. Six months' hard labour is too little by years.

Jailing Babes.

Often have we urged that no expectant mother, nor one nursing a child, should be committed to jail except for the gravest of offences. Hence we hope that by the time these words are in print Mrs. Cartwright and her baby will have been set at liberty by the Home Office. She was sentenced at Doncaster to a month's imprisonment on a charge of inciting a crowd to demonstrate against working miners, an offence, for which she might well have been bound over under the distressing circumstances. Magistrates would do well to remember that England is not Russia.

Our Hard-worked Prince.

We wonder how many of those who, through envy or ignorance, are apt to speak with disrespect of the Royal Family, would have liked to tackle the four days' tour in Yorkshire recently undertaken by the Prince of Wales. The laying of foundation-stones, visits to school children, various industrial concerns, Toc H. and several branches of the British Legion, to deaf and dumb institutions and colleges, the opening of a park—these are but a few of his engagements. He visited Doncaster, Hull, and Halifax. And it is well to remember that Royalty spend the better part of their lives doing these things.

Let Off Lightly.

It is not often that we have to accuse the justices of Scotland of undue leniency, yet we think that the Edinburgh Sheriff Court might well have dealt more severely with Mrs. Eugeni Christina Britton, who carries on business as a milliner under the name of Eugeni. It was proved that she paid one of her employees 12s. for a week's work when she was entitled to £1 5s. 3d., and in other cases the minimum wage had not been paid; that notices of the fixed rates had not been posted up in the workshops; and that records of wages had not been kept. It was a farce to fine this woman £6.

Clare's New Name.

"British girls desire Canadian correspondents. Propositions ten cents. Write Wablare, 16, Cambridge Street, London, S.W.," is an announcement which has lately been appearing in several Canadian newspapers. "Wablare" is the latest advertising name of N. M. Clare, who has been running similar agencies for some time. The possible dangers are obvious.

Scruby's Splendid Secret.

Thomas A. Scruby, of Goston Gardens, Thornton Heath, Surrey, tells the world in his circulars that he kicked himself hard for wasting £6 on mail-order schemes when he discovered a wonderful plan of his own. So now he is offering *his* splendid secret for a guinea—10s. 6d. down and the balance when £5 profit has been made. We cannot conjure up much enthusiasm in his offer.

Buying a Business?

A reader who forwarded £3 3s. to W. D. S. Dunn and Co., of London Road, Liverpool, in the belief that the firm would help her to buy a business, has been disappointed. So far, the possible businesses she has selected have been investigated but turned down. Yet the firm's circulars seem to suggest that the scheme is a very pleasant one. The payment of fees without tangible security in return is foolish.

A Treasure Hunt Mystery.

The Kealey Treasure Island Expedition is fraught with mystery. On March 10 this year a communication was sent out by the secretary which stated that Lieutenant Kealey had departed and was expected to arrive at Cocos Island within the next fourteen days. But on April 7 a letter purporting to emanate from Lieutenant Kealey himself, declared that he would be "able to get away early." Which are we to believe?

Taking Precautions.

When a charity collector called at a business establishment in Aldgate East, the proprietor took the precaution of ringing up John Bull. We were able to tell him that the "Westminster Charity Committee" was far from being a deserving organisation, and he promptly sent the misguided collector away. Many pounds might be saved in this way if people in doubt would only take the trouble of consulting John Bull first!

Furs for Sixpence!

"Yours for 6d. deposit" runs an advertisement published by J. A. Davis and Co., of Denmark Hill, London, S.E. A Manchester reader who sent 6d., however, did not receive a fur valued at £1 8s. 6d., as she had anticipated. She received, instead, a list of higher-priced furs, which would be sent in return for deposits ranging from 2s. 6d. to 10s. Such misleading advertisements are greatly to be deplored, for many poor people are disappointed by them.

Fancy—and Fact.

Our attention has been drawn to a circular headed, "Our Reply to John Bull," issued by the firm of Hope and Son (Governing Director, L. A. Spikesman), Registered Head Offices, 17, Oxendon Street, S.W., which states that "in the issue of John Bull dated June 13, 1926, our advertisement calling for agents in connection with our Postal Publicity scheme appears in the Miscellaneous Advertisements Column." The circular goes on to state that, "We did not order any further insertions." Messrs. Hope and Son did not order any further insertions for the very good reason that by our letter dated June 18 we informed them that no further advertisements emanating from Messrs. Hope and Son would in future be accepted.

Join Our Christmas Club!

No saving up for months in the "Bullets" Christmas Club!

300 TURKEYS AND SURREY FOWLS

Await good "Bullets" this week. *See page 39.*

Problems of Life

True and False Idealism

by the Rev. R. J. CAMPBELL, D.D.

MR. H. G. WELLS' new book is very characteristic of its author—that is to say, it is full of penetrating and suggestive reflections on current affairs and forecasts of the future.

Mr. H. G. Wells

No living writer equals him in this respect. He is less a novelist than a political philosopher of great ability.

But this latest of his works is marred by certain features that are likely to mislead simple-minded readers who do not see through the flimsiness of its assumptions.

True, he is careful to tell us in the preface that the opinions he puts into the mouth of his chief character are not necessarily his own, but I think the reviewers are right in taking for granted most of them are.

He makes ribald fun of belief in God and the immortality of the soul; and, while insisting that this majestic and mysterious universe has neither maker nor meaning, goes on to paint a glowing picture of a good time coming when men will be unselfish and happy.

SOCIETY is to be so scientifically ordered and governed that all the worst evils that afflict us now—such as war, disease, and want—will disappear from the earth; and our mastery of the resources of Nature will be so complete that we shall have abundance of leisure, ease and delight.

I say "we," but that is where the catch lies. "We" shall not be there. All these fine things are to happen—if they ever do happen—long after we are dead.

Mr. Wells has really nothing to offer us but the prospect of labouring and suffering to make possible an ideal world for some far-distant posterity. It is not good enough; but is there anything better that we can reasonably accept?

Yes, there is. To begin with, I would challenge Mr. Wells' interpretation of the universe itself. It is far more mysterious than he makes out, and infinitely more sublime.

At present we have only a "pin-hole" view of it, as that eminent man of science, Professor J. Arthur Thomson, says. No man is warranted in explaining it as a mere fortuitous jumble of material forces.

Something greater than that is needed to account for the wonder and glory of it all.

PROFESSOR Thomson and other eminent experts also deny that the pain and terror of the lower creation are what they seem to us. Very little of either is felt.

As for human sorrow, if we are to judge by its fruits it is not unrelieved evil.

To live by, and for, the three primary values of goodness, beauty, and truth, is to become assured that at heart the universe consists with these and not with mere blind fate.

THREE DEAD CHILDREN

LITTLE VICTIMS' TRAGIC FATE

Gravesend's Diphtheria Menace

THE provision of a paddling-pool for children is a worthy project, but in putting such a project into operation the first consideration should be the health and safety of the kiddies concerned.

Two years ago Gravesend expended £500 of ratepayers' money in building a paddling-pool on the foreshore; but, far from regarding it as a boon for their little ones, many Gravesend mothers have now come to look upon it with misgiving.

Their fears are not without foundation, for the pool of pleasure has proved a pool of tragedy for at least three families.

No fewer than three young children who last July were disporting themselves happily in its waters are now dead! and their deaths have been due to dread diphtheria.

Take the case of little Peggy Broad, aged five years and ten months. On July 7 last Peggy and her young brother were taken to the Gravesend promenade by their mother. Whilst Mrs. Broad's attention was taken up with her three-year-old son, Peggy tumbled into the paddling-pool.

A natural assumption

Her mother rushed to her assistance and helped her out in a distressed condition. She had swallowed some of the water, and her hair and clothes were soiled with evil-smelling mud. Poor Peggy was taken straight home by her mother and put to bed.

Three days later Peggy complained of a headache and a doctor was summoned, who pronounced the child to be suffering from diphtheria, and in spite of immediate treatment Peggy died some eight hours later.

In the ordinary course of events no one could connect the diphtheria with the paddling-pool with any certainty, though the natural assumption would be strongly inclined that way. But the tragic case of little Peggy Broad is not an isolated one, as we now propose to show.

A day or so after Peggy's mishap at the pool a six-year-old boy named Leslie Arthur Fisher was paddling there when a dog jumped into the water and pawed him. His face and jersey were covered with mud, and his mother at once took him home and changed his things.

Two days later Leslie complained of a headache, just as Peggy had done. He grew worse and complained of pains in his throat and in the back of his neck.

Bereaved mothers' belief

The same doctor who had attended Peggy Broad was summoned and, as he suspected diphtheria, he ordered the child's removal to hospital. Exactly a week later Leslie died, the death certificate showing that death was due to heart failure following diphtheria.

Both mothers earnestly believe that their children were contaminated by their contact with the paddling-pool, and this belief is shared by yet another poor woman who has been tragically bereaved.

On July 11, Henry and Bert Denham, aged five and seven respectively, were taken by their nine-year-old sister to the Gravesend promenade to play. Their mother had often warned them not to play in the paddling-pool, but on this occasion the lure of the water was too strong for them.

Shutting the stable-door

In the course of their frolic Bert slipped upon the slimy bottom of the pool and fell with his head under the water. Mother's nine-year-old

Peggy Broad

deputy rushed her small charges home and told the unhappy tale.

On the following day Bertie complained of pains in his head. When his condition showed no signs of improving his mother took him to a doctor, who at once diagnosed diphtheria and had the child removed to a sanatorium.

The poor little fellow was confined to the sanatorium for eleven weeks, and finally, on September 28, he, too, passed away. His death certificate showed that he died from diphtheria.

"I think," his unhappy mother has said, "that for the sake of the children of Gravesend the pool should be closed." And these sentiments will find a responsive echo in many breasts.

An ominous report

Here we have cited three tragic cases of children who have contracted diphtheria within a few days of one another after contact with the waters and slime of the pool.

Feeling that the matter was one which merited immediate investigation, we despatched a special representative to Gravesend to make the fullest possible enquiries.

His report is illuminating. The pool he describes as a concrete tank, about 36 feet square, built up against the river wall. At its deepest point it is about 2 ft. 6 in., but slopes to about 18 in. at its shallow end.

At high tide the whole erection is completely submerged. Tilbury docks are immediately opposite, and ships lying in the river are continually discharging bilge.

When our representative inspected the pool he found the whole foreshore littered with decaying refuse. The pool itself was not in use at the time, and was inches deep in slime.

On scraping this away our representative found a thick layer of black mud, together with one or two decaying boots and other refuse.

An odour of decay pervaded the place, and when stirred the mud gave up a noxious smell. Such is its condition when empty in the month of October. What it is like on hot summer days, with hundreds of little feet churning up the mud at the bottom, may best be imagined!

The pool of infection

Now, apart from the fact that the paddling-pool may easily be infected by contaminating matter left by the receding tides, there are other points worthy of consideration.

Dogs can, and very often do, join the children in their play, and it is quite within the bounds of possibility that these pets may be innocent carriers of infection.

But, to our mind, the gravest danger of all lies in the fact that this small pool, only a dozen yards square, is patronised in the summer by hundreds of children daily.

These children come from all parts, from Gravesend, Northfleet and Dartford. Herded together in the close confines of the paddling-pool, they may contract or pass on all manner of infection.

Startling details

That children coming from such districts to play in the paddling-pool may easily bring disease cannot be denied, and in this respect a few official figures, taken from the Registrar-General's statistical review of England and Wales for last year, are of interest.

In Kent, for 1925, there were 75 deaths from diphtheria. And it is significant to note that the three towns with the biggest death-rate from diphtheria are the three we have just mentioned above.

There were 17 cases in Gravesend, 18 in Northfleet and 7 in Dartford—thus these three towns contribute 42 of Kent's 75 cases!

We would be the last people to say that these kiddies should be robbed of their right to play. What we do wish to emphasise is that in granting them facilities to play, it should be the duty of local authorities to ensure that they are able to do so under healthy and safe conditions.

It may be that the pool is not the source of danger which some of the local citizens seem to think, but we feel strongly that the above facts should be thoroughly investigated by the local authority.

Walker's Web

The Spider and the Fly

MONEY-MAKING schemes are always likely to attract a large number of people, and doubtless the following announcement, which has appeared in a certain daily paper, has caught the eye of more than one would-be Crœsus:

Accounts opened in Stock Exchange securities. £5 upwards invested, large profits. Particulars, write Walker and Co., 8, Christopher Street, London, E.C.2.

"Large profits." What wondrous dreams those words convey! Who wouldn't like to make large profits if they had the chance? And when a chance is suggested, as in this case, who wouldn't write for particulars?

A gentleman who did so was favoured with a letter from W. Walker and Co., together with an interesting printed circular.

The latter was a pamphlet on dealing in Stock Exchange securities upon the marginal basis. "Same will point out to you the advantages to be gained by dealing in this manner," the accompanying letter observed.

How to get rich

The enquirer was further assured that an opportunity for a "quick profitable deal" might arise in the course of the next day or two, when the company would communicate with him again.

Turning his attention to the pamphlet, the gentleman learnt that W. Walker's "system" would give the small speculators the "advantages of securing large profits," at the same time limiting their liability to the amount of their deposits.

The most valuable point to beginners, it was explained, was to act promptly and "catch the market when it is rising." An example was quoted to show how £10 had become £50 within a few days.

"In order to be successful," ran the pamphlet, "it is necessary to operate on a rising share, and we therefore place our services at your disposal.

"We make it our general rule to send advices to clients from time to time when favourable opportunities occur . . . and it will be well for clients to take advantage of this advice."

Walker's wiles

Our reader did not respond to this exhortation and a day or two later he was favoured with another letter from Walker and Co., urging him to operate in certain shares and enclosing a telegram, already filled in, for him to wire instructions to commence.

Still he did not bite, and after another brief interval a third letter came, with further "inside information" and another telegraph form.

Being dubious as to Walker and Company's capacity to give expert advice on financial transactions our reader decided not to take any risks.

Few people will blame him for denying himself the large profits so confidently promised, but so clearly fraught with a large element of chance.

ASTOUNDING BOGUS MARRIAGE

BRONSTEIN'S GAME OF BLUFF

How the Aliens Act is Defeated

ONE of the most barefaced attempts ever made by a foreigner to violate the provisions of the Aliens Restrictions Act, and to defeat the ends of British justice, has recently been perpetrated in the East End of London.

In disclosing the facts of the case, we call upon the Aliens' Branch of the Home Office to investigate the matter without delay to see if the principals, whom we here name, cannot be called to account.

A young foreign woman named Charlotte Lownan, who is a native of Dantzig, landed in this country last October on the understanding that she would remain here no longer than two months, after which period she was to return to her own country.

When the allotted time had expired Charlotte did not return, and an application was made to the Home Office on her behalf for permission to remain within our shores.

As there are already hundreds of aliens here whose presence is not desired, the Home Office very rightly turned this application down, and ordered Charlotte to leave the country immediately.

A dark scheme

It was at this juncture that a gentleman of Russian extraction, who resides in Summit Road, Walthamstow, named Abraham Bronstein, came upon the scene.

Mr. Bronstein was anxious that Charlotte should remain in this country to assist him in his business. So the woman ignored the instructions of the Home Office and Bronstein set out to find a means by which he could prevent her from being banished.

With this end in view, a young Englishman named Albert Crapnell, who was a kitchen hand at a North London public-house, came on the scene to play a most remarkable part in the story.

The police were already making enquiries to discover why Charlotte had not obeyed the order to leave these shores, so Bronstein arranged with Crapnell to marry Lownan at the Kingland register office.

The Englishman agreed, and subsequently stated that he left the woman at the door of the register office. Bronstein paid all the necessary expenses and gave him £5.

What a surprise!

The pair, who had been introduced to each other by Bronstein only a day or two earlier, parted from each other at the door immediately after the ceremony.

Crapnell also stated that they have never lived together as man and wife since the marriage took place.

Imagine the surprise of the Home Office officials when they discovered what had happened.

Imagine the surprise of Detective-Sergeant Wood, C.I.D., who had had charge of the subsequent enquiries, when Charlotte triumphantly waved before him a certificate of marriage pronouncing her a British subject who could not, by the law of the land, be expelled, Home Office or no Home Office!

A reluctant admission

The ultimate sequel was that Abraham Bronstein and the woman were summoned at Stratford Police Court.

The charge against "Lownan" was that she was "found in the United Kingdom without a permit," while Bronstein was charged with "aiding and abetting her."

The case was before the court for many weeks and in the end the magistrates very reluctantly regretted that they could do nothing in the matter because the marriage had been proved to have taken place, and because the nationality of Lownan had been established as English owing to the fact that she had married an Englishman.

During the proceedings a very interesting admission was made by Bronstein, to the effect that after he had been served with his summons for "aiding and abetting," he had gone to the Passport Office to obtain a passport for Crapnell.

Why did he do so? His answer was that he wished to prove that Crapnell was a British subject. Didn't his birth certificate which he already had prove that? Crapnell's own answer in regard to the passport was that Bronstein was going to help him to get to Canada.

In dismissing both summonses the magistrates, headed by Mr. Benjamin Bailey, made some significant comments.

"My colleagues desire me to say," observed Mr. Bailey, "that we all feel this is one of the most gross attempts and a successful attempt to defeat the laws of this country.

"A great deal of this kind of thing is going on, and the Bench are not sure that the correct charge has been placed before them."

In these circumstances, we suggest that the Hon. W. Haldane Porter, C.B., calls for all the documents in this case, and investigates the methods which have been employed by Bronstein and his foreign charge to defeat the ends of justice.

Mr. P. J. H. Hannon, M.P., one of the many M.P.'s who, on the floor of the House of Commons, have drawn the Home Secretary's attention to the alien menace.

Free Publicity at a Price

The Printer's Blocks

IN March this year the director of a motor agency in Euston Road received a flowery communication from the editor of a periodical known as *Town and Country News*.

"Your excellent galleries have been brought to my notice," wrote the editor, "and I feel that a letterpress article about them would be of interest to our readers."

The letter then requested the director to grant a "special correspondent" a few moments of his "valuable time" to enable him to gather "a few rough notes" for an article.

The interview asked for was granted, and in due course a draft of the article was submitted for approval. The director was assured that the writing of the article, and the space in the paper, together with the taking of photographs to illustrate the article, would be entirely free of charge.

The only condition imposed upon him was that he should sign an undertaking to purchase the illustration blocks at the "inclusive price of 2s. 6d. per square inch."

A misleading offer

As only three blocks were being made, and as this request seemed reasonable, the director signed a form to this effect without hesitation.

Had he been a reader of John Bull he might have been more cautious, for he would then have known that the "blocks for illustration dodge" has been practised most extensively by a number of firms against whom we have issued words of warning.

As it was, he did not realise how he had been misled until he received a bill from *Town and Country News* for the sum of £9 7s. 6d.

It was true that the printers had only made three blocks, but they had made them all in such "generous" proportions that they totalled seventy-five square inches!

Rubbing it in

And the unwary director has since been favoured with a communication from the advertising manager of *Town and Country News*, enclosing an advertisement tariff and asking whether he would care for space in forthcoming issues at low rates!

This gentleman has since received many pressing letters from the publishers of *Town and Country News* urging him to settle his account, the last one threatening to "place the matter in other hands."

We would advise him not to be greatly perturbed by this threat.

Dutch Auction Course

Cute Coueism

FOUR months ago a Balham reader wrote in response to an advertisement to the Coue-Orton Institute, Holborn Viaduct House, London, E.C., for a copy of a pamphlet entitled "The Marvels of Coueism."

This arrived with certain other literature advising the applicant to undergo the Coue-Orton "Intensive Course," and so develop his "latent personality" and "magnetism."

Promptness rewarded

The usual fee for this course was £6 6s., but if our reader enrolled promptly he could do so for £2 2s.

This letter bore the signature of Victor Vivien de Chateaubrun, the Marquis V. Vivien de Chateaubrun, S.V., S.A., S.S., M.C.

A week or two later, as our reader had not responded, a further epistle came from the institute, stating that it had decided to extend the time limit a little longer.

Still our reader remained unmoved, and after another short interval he received a further communication.

The letter stated that the directors had been consulted, and they were determined that no one "who showed the first spark of ambition" should fail to "enjoy the complete uplifting course of instruction." The full course was, therefore, offered for 30s. down and 12s. after the studies were completed, provided the student was satisfied.

A postcript was added to the effect that if it was more convenient the course could be reserved on payment of 15s. and taken up as soon as a further 15s. could be afforded.

Still no response from the shy applicant, but the patience of the institute was still by no means exhausted.

If our reader would "reply promptly" he would be enrolled as a student and be entitled to "full privileges" on payment of £1 1s.

Going, going—!

This was followed by an offer of the full series of instructions in six complete branches for 10s.

Finally, our reader has been favoured with particulars of the institute's "Free Scholarship Plan," whereby he may obtain full instruction on payment of 5s.

It would seem that the apt motto for the institute would be: "Every day and in every way our course gets cheaper and cheaper."

A WEIRD "BISHOP"

AN M.A. CADGER

Some Remarkable Admissions

GENUINE charities seldom make appeals to which a ready response is not granted. The public, however, expects that its contributions will go direct to the object to which it subscribes

A LUTON reader has written to say that she was recently favoured with a personal visit from a gentleman, dressed in clergyman's attire, who was asking for donations "to carry on his work of the Pillar of Fire Church."

He did not explain why the people of Luton should be called upon to support this charity, but he was most earnest in his manner, and our reader was quite impressed by his obvious sincerity.

Only the fact that she had no small change prevented her from making a contribution.

Before he left, however, he handed our reader a copy of the official organ of his society, and she said that she would send on a donation later.

An amazing discovery

But when the lady looked at her copy of JOHN BULL that week she was amazed to find the society in question mentioned in a general article of warning against certain types of charity collectors.

"The Pillar of Fire," it told her, was an obscure American organisation, whose appeals were not looked upon with favour by the Charity Organisation Society.

"Had I not been a reader of your paper, seeing I promised a subscription, I should have sent one," she wrote to us. "Now I feel more like sending a copy of the article, so thanks to your valuable reports, which I think very helpful."

This lady's experience shows how earnest the collectors of this society are, and we feel that a few additional comments will be of considerable value to the general public.

As we have said, the Pillar of Fire is an American concern, with headquarters at Zarephath, New Jersey, U.S.A.

It is presided over by a lady who describes herself as "Bishop" Alma White, M.A., who is not recognised on this side of the Atlantic as a high Church dignitary.

The busy "bishop"

"Bishop" Alma White, it appears, founded the Pillar of Fire and was "consecrated" as a "bishop" by the "elders" of the sect.

In any case, "Bishop" White, complete with episcopal regalia, has since, in turn, "consecrated" other "bishops," and has opened branches of the "Pillar of Fire" in England—one in Stanley Road, Bootle, and the other at Brent Green, Hendon.

No doubt the organisation numbers amongst its disciples many well-meaning people, but we feel that our former criticisms were justified by the following facts.

The head of the Bootle branch was a man named William Charles Summerton, whose activities have just been investigated by the police.

He was brought up before the Liverpool Stipendiary on two charges of attempting to procure charitable contributions by fraud and one of obtaining a shilling by fraud.

An amended answer

It was stated that Summerton described himself as a minister of the Pillar of Fire Church, and wore a clerical collar. He had called upon shopkeepers and others in the Liverpool district collecting for "home missions."

When questioned by the stipendiary as to how he lived, Summerton at first answered "By faith," but subsequently added that he was allowed to retain 40 per cent. of money obtained from the sale of the society's literature.

"Bishop" Alma White

Later, in reply to the police prosecutor, Summerton made the further astonishing admission that collectors of the society were authorised to keep 40 per cent. out of all the money they collected, or more if their expenses were larger!

The stipendiary was incredulous that they should be allowed to deduct expenses of such a substantial figure as 40 per cent., and asked Summerton for further particulars of his own case.

The latter explained that by "expenses" he meant rent and food for himself and his wife and son and petrol for his motor-car!

Sensational figures

Remarkable figures were then quoted from a "missionary report." They showed that out of £3 12s. 8d. collected one week only 2s. 6d. had been devoted to charity.

The stipendiary's very apt comment when these figures were read out was, "I think you were right to call it 'home' missions!"

Evidence was given to the effect that Summerton had been a source of annoyance to the police for some time. He had been warned about making similar collections and had previously been convicted and fined for the same class of offence.

In the present instance he was found guilty and sent to prison for three months with hard labour, the stipendiary remarking that the methods adopted by the "Pillar of Fire" to collect funds were not only wrong in themselves, but gave opportunity for the collectors to go wrong. Most people will agree.

UP POPS HENRY!

DON'T LISTEN TO DUNSFORD

Two Curious Offers

BELOW is shown how a lady by writing to JOHN BULL was saved from entering into a financial risk. It is the best policy when plausible schemes are put forward, to follow her example

AN announcement has recently appeared in the columns of a daily paper to the effect that a company "in process of formation" has openings for sales managers.

A weekly salary of £6 with commission is promised, but applicants must invest £300 in the company, which conceals its identity in a box number.

A lady who answered this advertisement was favoured with a truly remarkable epistle from a gentleman at Liberty House, Gerrard Street, Shaftesbury Avenue, W.

At the outset the writer stated frankly that he did not consider the work of "sales manager" would be very suitable for a lady; but he went on to present another proposition.

"The other day," ran the letter, "I was in touch with a young lady who teaches dancing. She is a very capable young woman, full of grit, with determination to get on."

Unfortunately, it was then explained, the young lady in question was handicapped by having "absolutely no capital."

A plausible proposition

"In my mind," the letter went on, "she is a very good speculation. Many of these dancing instructresses have an income of anything between £1,000 and £2,000 a year when they properly get going."

If the lady thought anything of the idea she was to call and see the writer, who could "explain everything."

"It would really have to be a partnership arrangement," he added. "Your money and assistance and her brains and knowledge."

The would-be investor acted on the writer's suggestion and saw him by appointment. She found him most plausible and enthusiastic over the proposition and he handed her a note of introduction to her prospective partner.

An inspection of the latter's dancing academy was not exactly inspiring. It turned out to be a dingy basement room.

The kind gentleman who had acted as go-between meanwhile went to the trouble of drawing up an agreement, whereby the investor was to sink £300 of her money in the dancing academy, whilst the former proprietress was to "bring in" the "connection, goodwill and assets."

A wise move

As the extent of the connection, goodwill and assets was not specified in the agreement, the investor felt a little dubious, particularly as the document also contained a clause entitling the other partner and herself to draw out the weekly sum of £5 each as salary.

In the end she laid all the documents before us, and it is very fortunate indeed that she did so. For the gentleman who was taking such a kindly interest in helping a dancing instructress to run an academy with outside capital is Henry Dunsford, who has been associated with numerous speculative propositions.

His letters in this instance were penned upon the notepaper of the Kent Match Syndicate, a concern which we were compelled to criticise only a short time ago.

An objectionable practice

We stated then, however, that with wise organisation it had possibilities.

But let us turn to the experience of a gentleman who answered the same announcement as the lady whose case we have just dealt with.

He, too, was granted an appointment at a Gerrard Street office. He was told that there was a vacancy ready for him at Wimbledon provided he invested £300.

Now, quite apart from the many grave objections which may be raised against the practice of offering employment in return for a cash investment, there are very strong reasons why the present offer should be regarded with disfavour.

In the first place, it is not so long ago since another of Dunsford's companies appointed a manager as its representative in a Wimbledon office.

The company was the British Match Industry Syndicate, which later became incorporated with the Kent Match Syndicate, and it obtained £300 from the manager in question.

The optimistic manager took up his duties, and for two months or so all went well. Then his salary was not forthcoming.

A little later on the manager had an interview with Dunsford, who told him that he was "taking the British Match Industry Syndicate" under his wing, and that if he would carry on, everything would be all right.

The obvious moral

He carried on, and for a time things did look a little better. Then the same trouble arose over wages.

When he was thus surrounded by doubt he came across the article in JOHN BULL. He severed all connection with the venture and is to-day about £100 out of pocket in addition to his original investment of £300.

Dunsford, in one way or another, has made many offers to people whom he has urged to put money into various propositions.

There are numerous instances on record where the self-same propositions have turned out unsatisfactorily from the investor's point of view.

The moral is clear: If you have money to invest, don't listen to Dunsford!

WOMEN POLICE: Amazing Arrest

OLD MAN'S TRAGIC ORDEAL

Magistrate's Searching Question

WHEN women were first enrolled in the police force their chief duty was to deal with minor offences committed by women and children. Their scope has apparently been extended.

A week or so ago a poor old man named Frederick Hasler, of Kenilworth Street, North Kensington, who is in his eighty-third year, was placed in the dock at Marylebone Police Court on a charge of begging for alms in Praed Street, Paddington.

Now, "begging for alms in Praed Street, Paddington," is a very serious offence these days, owing to its prevalence, and prison sentences are constantly being passed upon various mendicants who operate in that area.

Had this eighty-two-year-old gentleman been found guilty, he might have been sent to jail like others convicted of the offence in question.

A pitiable spectacle

Presenting a pitiable sight in the dock, Hasler, who was permitted by the magistrate to remain seated owing to his enfeebled state, listened while the evidence against him was recorded to Mr. Hay Halkett.

A police-woman, having taken the oath, stated that on the afternoon in question the old man had knocked at an apartment-house door in Praed Street, had touched his hat to the person who answered his knock and then walked away.

So confident was the woman officer that the old man was begging that she did not think it necessary to enquire at the house to ascertain for what purpose Hasler had really called there, nor did she produce any evidence to prove that the old fellow's mission was one of a mercenary character.

In the witness-box, while Hasler sat in the dock, raising his shaking hands in nervous protestation, the lady sergeant proceeded with her story.

She told how Hasler afterwards called at a jeweller's, a grocer's, two book shops and finally at an outfitter's.

The old man's story

At the latter place, she said, she heard Hasler ask if they "had anything to help an old man," whereupon she had placed him under arrest.

Sitting in the dock, Hasler bitterly recounted how the police-woman and a policeman whom she had summoned to the scene had marched him like a common felon through the streets to the local police-station amid the gazing and curious crowds of a busy Saturday afternoon.

At this point Hasler, who knew that innocent men often went to prison because the evidence was so black against them, heard the magistrate speaking in harsh tones.

But the words were not directed to him. Mr. Halkett was speaking to the police-woman.

"Are you women now going to take men in charge as well as women and children?" he asked, and he motioned to the agitated prisoner to pass from the dock to the witness-box.

To a silent and much-impressed assembly the old man told his own story in breaking tones. He was no beggar.

He was an umbrella repairer by trade, who went from shop to shop, customer to customer, soliciting orders for repairs.

He had been known to shopkeepers in Praed Street and in North Kensington generally for thirty years and was respected by all.

Tears came to the old man's eyes as the magistrate observed that he was satisfied that a mistake had been made, and with a few kind words to the prisoner, discharged him.

But what a mistake!

Several of the shopkeepers in Praed Street speak highly of the old man, who has called upon them for umbrella repairs for many years past.

The jeweller referred to is Mr. Taylor, who has a shop near Paddington Station.

A proud record

When our representative called upon him he found him only too ready to vindicate Hasler's honour. "Yes," he observed frankly, "I've been here for nearly fifty years, and for quite twenty I have known the old chap. He has never asked me for anything but umbrellas to repair, and I've given him jobs now and then."

Mr. Taylor further stated that had he known that Hasler was going to be arrested so soon after leaving his shop he would have gone after him and told the police all he knew in the old man's favour.

"I've always found him an honest old man in all the years he's called on me," he added.

Our representative also called upon Mr. Hasler and found that he kept a little second-hand shop in Kenilworth Street.

Mr. Frederick Hasler

Mrs. Hasler, who is well over seventy, attends to this establishment, whilst the old man looks after the umbrella side of the business, which helps to keep the wolf from their door in their declining years.

Mr. Hasler was still in a nervous state after the shock of his experience at the police-station, where he was detained for some hours before being granted bail.

An alarming prospect

He shuddered as he spoke of his narrow escape from having his clean record of eighty-two years marred by a prison sentence for an offence of which he was innocent.

The question raised by Mr. Hay Halkett is one that will naturally come to the minds of our readers.

No doubt the police-woman in question is a most zealous officer, but we cannot help thinking that to arrest the old man on such evidence was scarcely justified in the circumstances.

A SILK STOCKING TRICK

TEXTILE FIRM'S AUDACITY

A disgraceful way of doing business, unworthy of any firm, is here disclosed

TOWARDS the end of last year a Walsall lady, who has a small grocery business, was the recipient of a mysterious parcel. On opening it she found it to contain a number of stockings, together with an invoice for £3 5s. and a brief note.

"Trusting to have further orders from you on this line," was the puzzling message penned on the notepaper of F. S. Jones and Son, Ltd., who described themselves as "woollen merchants, Manchester and Bradford warehousemen, manufacturers and merchants, of Castle Street, Falcon Square, London, E.C."

"Further orders" was good considering that the lady in question had never even heard of the firm. She promptly wrote and informed them that the stockings had not been ordered by her and she did not wish to keep them.

A change of tune

This brought forth a reply from F. S. Jones and Son, Ltd., from an address in Aldermanbury, London, E.C., and written on notepaper which described the firm as "universal providers" and the "London textile clearing house."

The firm declared that the stockings had been ordered through "our man." They could not be taken back and the account must be paid by February.

After several similar letters had been exchanged, F. S. Jones and Son, Ltd., changed their tune. "To settle such a small account," they wrote, "you may pay us 10s. per week."

"Concession" declined

Finding that the lady did not jump at this "concession," the firm wrote to the effect that the matter would be placed in the hands of solicitors and a writ issued without further notice.

This letter was written on February 16, and the firm had moved to a third address in Great James Street, London, N.

Many other threatening letters followed and our reader sought the advice of the Registrar of the Mayor's and City of London Court.

She was informed that her best course, should the firm carry out its threat of issuing a writ, would be to go to her local county court and be sworn to an affidavit denying that she had ordered the goods in dispute.

Too smart

She was further advised to state that she wished to defend and to call upon the plaintiffs to be ordered to pay into court sufficient money to cover her expenses.

A summons was eventually issued, and the lady acted upon the foregoing advice, with the result that F. S. Jones and Son, Ltd. wrote to say that if she did not return the goods carriage forward they would call upon her to produce them in Shoreditch County Court.

She immediately wrote to the Registrar of the latter court, who assured her that the firm's letter was not an order of the court, and she could not therefore be made to comply with it by them.

We are afraid that this unfortunate lady is not the first person to be pestered in this way.

Many small shopkeepers in various parts of the country have been favoured with unsolicited parcels of stockings and have subsequently been pestered with correspondence.

The advice given to our reader by the Registrar of the Mayor's and City of London Court was good advice, and it was given by a gentleman who had considerable experience.

For many similar cases in which F. S. Jones and Son, Ltd. have figured have been brought up before Mr. Registrar Dell, and we are able to state that on one day alone he had to consider ten such cases.

On the look-out

On that occasion all the defendants declared that they had never ordered the goods, and it is significant that the Registrar dismissed every case except one. In these circumstances small shopkeepers should be on their guard against such bamboozling traders as F. S. Jones and Son, Ltd.

BLACK-EYE BUNKUM

THE TEN-DOLLAR DIDDLE

Haanel's Haughty Humbug

SOME time ago a Colchester reader was favoured with certain communications from a gentleman who was a perfect stranger to him. Charles F. Haanel was the stranger's name, and he was a resident in the United States.

From 704 N. Ninth Street, St. Louis, Mo., Mr. Haanel wrote enthusiastically of his course in "Social Science." If our reader would undertake to distribute a dozen booklets amongst his friends Mr. Haanel for his part would forward the first two lessons of his course free of all charge.

When the booklets arrived, however, our reader discovered that they were of a very paltry nature and did not deem their contents to be of sufficient interest to justify him in troubling his friends with them.

According to the booklet Mr. Haanel's "Social Science finds the solution for the most important problems, the problems concerning which many have thought there was no solution."

The mysterious power

It stated further that a knowledge of "Social Science" would enable one to discover "the hidden, elusive, mysterious power by which many secure and hold love, fame, wealth, position, health and happiness."

As we have already indicated, our reader was not impressed by all this twaddle and he dismissed the matter from his mind.

But he was not to be allowed to rest. Mr. Haanel proceeded to forward his course—not merely the first two parts, but the full course of twelve lessons!

We do not propose to dwell upon this course. A few points will suffice.

Part 1, for instance, "tells of the indescribable something by which many are enabled to attract, and to enthrall" others.

Part 2 tells "what blue eyes indicate, what to expect from black eyes, how grey eyes will affect you and what brown eyes mean."

Other sections tell of "the secret of rejuvenation and longevity," how "woman haters originate," what beauty is and so on.

All this varied mass of information was thus placed at the disposal of our reader, who looked upon the "Social Science" course as just so much waste-paper.

He next found himself favoured with letters asking for ten dollars as payment for the course. Few people will be surprised to hear that he decided to ignore these, but it is possible that they will be highly amused at the sequel.

A feeble frightener

The other day our reader received a curious communication from another source. It was a letter from "The United States National Adjustment Company, Inc., of 3408, Michigan Avenue, Chicago," and its apparent object was to instil fear into the heart of our reader.

At the head of the page was a reproduction of "our collection agency sight draft." It commanded our reader to pay ten dollars to the order of his "home bank" in respect of his indebtedness to Charles F. Haanel.

The United States National Adjustment Company was self-styled the "greatest organisation of its kind in the world"—and this is how it addressed itself to our reader.

"Will it be necessary for us to draw our collection agency sight draft on you through your local home bank in order to get this money for our client?

Whom to blame

"If you are haled into court to explain, under oath, don't blame us—blame yourself. You have had every opportunity to pay this without costs or trouble. It is up to you. We will wait a few days for your remittance."

Our reader is sitting tight, and his attitude should afford a valuable example for others who may have come into touch with this or similar Yankee propositions, the chief object of which seems to lie in inducing unsuspecting people to part with their money in return for trash of questionable value.

THE YELLOW DRAGON

WHITE SLAVES IN CHINA

English Girl's Ordeal

A GIRL whose outlook on life was restricted, and who was completely ignorant of the danger she was running into, struck up an acquaintanceship with a Chinese sailor in Liverpool, just as she had seen many other girls do.

She saw nothing at all ominous in her yellow companion, who seemed to be a very good sort. He treated her with consideration and was quite generously disposed towards her. After a very brief interval he asked her to marry him, and she consented.

For a time all went smoothly, and then the Chinaman announced that he must return to his own country. His bride was not greatly perturbed at that, for she had not the faintest inkling of what life in China meant for the English wife of a Chinese.

She travelled out to Hong Kong as a second-class passenger, proceeding thence to Sunning.

A terrible awakening

It was here that the scales of illusion fell from her eyes. With unspeakable horror she found that her husband had four other wives who took higher place than she did in his household!

When she protested to her husband, he informed her that she must take orders from his No. 1 wife.

Shortly afterwards he set off on another voyage, and on the day following his departure the principal wife informed the English girl that she would have to work in the fields.

She flatly refused, whereupon she was seized by two boys and held down whilst the Chinese woman thrashed her with a cane.

After that she was taken out to the fields and shown the duties she would have to perform. She toiled there in the broiling Eastern sun from morn till even. And when she returned to the house, tired and distressed, she found that there were other menial tasks to be done.

Sisters in distress

For four months this wretched girl was forced to endure this degrading ignominy, being constantly cuffed and thrashed by members of the Chinese family on the slightest provocation.

Her husband returned, but she appealed to him in vain. The consideration he had shown to her in the days of their alliance in Liverpool had vanished.

At last she succeeded in making her escape from her bondage and found her way to Hong Kong. And there she is stranded, in company with her many unfortunate sisters who are in a similar predicament.

For there are dozens of "refugee" British women in Hong Kong who have escaped from the horrors of servitude and slavery such as those above described.

They have learnt their lesson when it is too late! But their fate should serve as a strong warning to others of their countrywomen at home in England, who do not realise the dangers attending such mixed marriages.

The lure of the East

The glamour of the Orient seems to dim the vision of many unthinking girls. But at the same time this shameful habit of taking white women out from England to their homes in China has been carried on by Chinese seamen for too long.

The pity of it is that in spite of such grim tragedies as those at which we have hinted, words of warning are very seldom heeded. The lure of the East always seems to overcome all scruples.

It is also a fact that Chinese husbands are often most kind and attentive to their white wives whilst they are in this country, and many a poor girl has been thus lulled into a false sense of security. Because they have been well treated here they assume that they will be equally well treated when they reach the Orient.

The number of the disillusioned white women in China is already formidable, and it will go on growing unless our authorities exercise greater vigilance in our seaport towns and take active steps to put a stop to these ghastly marriages.

The Tales They Tell

A FAIRY-STORY DEAL

The Shareholder and the Syndicate

A GENTLEMAN who holds certain shares in a company in which he has implicit faith was favoured some time back with a letter from the Land and Commercial Syndicate, Ltd., of Broad Street House, Old Broad Street, London, E.C. This letter informed him that the syndicate had "certain information" regarding the company whose shares he held.

If he was interested the syndicate would be pleased to place its information before him.

The shareholder was naturally interested and in due course he was favoured with a personal visit from a man who gave his name as Mr. Prince.

Plausible Prince

This latter gentleman proved to be an exceedingly plausible individual with a very glib tongue. He told the shareholder that a wealthy foreign syndicate was buying up the company concerned and the Commercial Syndicate had to transact the sale on behalf of the company.

In confiding tones Mr. Prince imparted the amazing information that shares which had been bought for 5s. would change hands in this transaction for 27s.

After talking at great length, he pointed out what a splendid opportunity occurred for his hearer to increase his holding before the transaction took place.

At length the persuasive Mr. Prince prevailed and induced the shareholder to purchase 800 shares for £200. When he departed he carried with him two cheques in payment, one for £50 and the other a post-dated one for £150.

Second thoughts

When he came to think the matter over at leisure our reader decided that he had been somewhat foolish and took the precaution of wiring to the company whose shares he held for their confirmation.

Straightway he received a reply to the effect that nothing was known of the deal in question and that the operations of the Land and Commercial Syndicate were entirely unauthorised by the board of the company in question.

He immediately communicated with his bankers to stop both cheques, and a day or two later received a letter from the syndicate expressing surprise at his action.

He wrote explaining his reasons, and has heard nothing more. We are not surprised. The secretary of the syndicate is Mr. Arthur Nordon, whose financial activities have been criticised by us before.

A PROBLEM of burning interest to all who have at heart the maintenance of the just foundation of British laws is raised here. Many will agree with this great authority. Many will violently differ from him

"His Majesty's Pleasure"

by The Rt. Hon. EDWARD SHORTT, K.C. (*formerly Home Secretary*)

THE indeterminate sentence has been proposed as a method of dealing with cases of apparently hopeless criminals and with such cases alone. It involves, as its name implies, a period of detention of indefinite duration, which will only be terminated when there is reasonable hope that the sentenced person can be set free without danger to the public.

No doubt, at first view, such a proposal is repellent to all the instincts of a liberty-loving people who for centuries have jealously guarded their personal freedom and their personal rights.

But a careful consideration will convince most people that the proposal is neither inconsistent with true liberty nor with the accepted principles upon which civilised society is based.

For an adequate discussion of the proposal it is necessary to keep clearly in mind the fundamental principles upon which our system of punishment is based.

All punishment, be it remembered, is *prima facie* a wrongful social act and requires justification. To deprive an individual of his life or liberty is, *prima facie*, an offence against that individual. In our penal system the justification is twofold—first, the protection of society, and, second, the reform of the criminal.

Humanity's duty

Equally it is the duty of society, a duty enjoined by every principle of humanity, to do what in it lies to save their weaker brothers from a life of crime, and for this end our penal system should give scope to reforming influences of every kind.

In approaching the consideration of the indeterminate sentence, therefore, the two relevant questions are, Does our penal system adequately protect society? and Does it allow everything that is humanly possible to be done to reform the criminal?

With regard to two classes of criminals, the "habitual" and the "professional," a negative answer must be given to both of those questions. The terms "habitual" and "professional" are well known to criminologists and are commonly used with reference to two distinct classes.

The term "habitual" is used to include those weaker brothers who drift into a life of crime, hundreds and thousands of whose histories are contained in the records of our criminal courts.

Often reared among criminal surroundings and associations, often suffering from physical defects, almost invariably to some degree mentally deficient, often more to be pitied than blamed, they spend their whole existence in serving sentence after sentence of imprisonment, relapsing into crime the moment they regain their freedom, and proving conclusively that constant terms of punishment can neither cure nor deter.

Choosing a life of crime

The term "professional" is used to include a very different class involving a very different proposition. It includes those who do not drift into but deliberately choose a life of crime.

Generally born and reared among respectable associations, generally well educated, sound in mind and body, often highly skilled, they prefer a life of crime, with its attendant excitement and variety, to a life of honest labour.

The international thief, the burglar, the motor bandit, counterfeiters, forgers and blackmailers, all are typical of the class. Against such men and women society is entitled to take the strongest measures for its own protection, and, in cases shown to be hopeless, to treat them as society now treats an incurable and dangerous lunatic.

The more I consider the problem of how best to deal with the habitual and the professional criminal, the more I am convinced the indeterminate sentence provides the only possible solution.

Protecting society

Moreover, the principle of the indeterminate sentence is not altogether new in our legal system. In the case of the criminal lunatic a verdict of "Guilty but insane" is followed by a sentence of detention during His Majesty's pleasure.

The justification for such a sentence in such a case is the protection of society, and the criminal lunatic will, in spite of the wording of the sentence, only be detained until he is so far cured that he can be set free without danger to other people.

But it is in the system of preventive detention created by the Prevention of Crime Act, 1908, that the underlying principles of the indeterminate sentence have been acknowledged and accepted by our law, so much so that all that is required to make the indeterminate sentence part of our legal system is a relatively small extension of the provisions of that Act.

By the provisions of the Act, where a person is charged with and convicted of an offence punishable by a sentence of penal servitude, and is at the same time found by a jury to be an "habitual criminal," the court may, in addition to a sentence of penal servitude for the actual crime charged, pass a further sentence of penal detention for a period not exceeding ten years.

To avoid confusion, may I explain that the term "habitual criminal" is not used in the Act in the sense in which it is used by criminologists, but rather includes those persons whom criminologists describe as "professional criminals"?

An "habitual criminal" is defined in the Act as one who since the age of sixteen has been previously convicted of crime at least three times, and is persistently leading a dishonest or criminal life.

The underlying principle

The Act, therefore, applies, and it was made clear to Parliament when it was passed that it was only intended to apply to criminals of the "professional" class.

In the course of the debates Lord Gladstone, who was in charge of the Bill, repeatedly stated that it was intended to apply to persistent and hardened criminals and to give the State control over dangerous offenders, and in order to make that doubly sure it was provided that no person should be charged with being an habitual criminal unless he had committed an offence so serious that it could be punished by penal servitude.

It was made equally clear that the main object of the Act was the protection of the public.

With such limitations Parliament accepted the Bill, but in spite of the limitations the underlying principle remained that, where the interests of society required it, a criminal could be kept in custody for a long period of time not as a punishment for actual crime committed, but in order that the public might be protected.

The limitations were natural. The principle was new to Parliament; it appeared to be an attack upon personal rights and liberties, and Parliament was timorous and cautious.

But can it be said that any principle would be involved in the proposal to abolish the limit of ten years and to legalise a sentence of detention

The Rt. Hon. Edward Shortt, K.C.

until the criminal was cured? Would any sane person advocate a limit of ten years to the period during which a dangerous lunatic could be confined and that, at the end of that period, cured or not, the lunatic should again be let loose?

A misery to themselves

Can it be said that any principle would be involved in the proposal to extend the provisions of the Act so as to apply to "habitual" criminals, those wretched creatures who can never be other than a misery to themselves, in order that by prolonged but sympathetic treatment there may be some real hope of achieving their reform?

Let it be admitted at once that the power to impose an indeterminate sentence should only be given subject to the clearest and most carefully defined safeguards. Such safeguards already exist.

In the first place, no person can be charged with being an habitual criminal until the Director of Public Prosecutions is satisfied that it is a proper case in which to make the charge. In the second place, before the sentence can be passed, the accused person must be found by a jury of his fellow-countrymen and upon clear evidence to be an habitual criminal in fact.

The Act further provides for an Advisory Committee whose duty it is to watch every case, to mark the progress towards reform, and to advise when the prisoner can be allowed out on licence.

Moreover, when the prisoner is released, he is released on licence not to the police but to the Central Association, a body which finds him work and generally looks after his welfare. Experience has shown that those safeguards and provisions are amply adequate for their purpose with the ten-year limit, and would be equally adequate if the sentence were indeterminate.

The more merciful way

I strongly advocate the two changes in the law which I have indicated, both in the interests of the public and of the criminals themselves.

Abolish the ten-year limit. In many cases it had proved ineffectual for the protection of the public, and those who are released under it are the worst, the most hardened and therefore the most dangerous criminals.

Extend the provisions of the Act of 1908 to the semi-insane habituals. Constant short sentences have done and can do no permanent good; the severity of prison life is useless. They require long and sympathetic treatment in an institution which should be more of a home than a prison.

Incidentally, on balancing accounts, I have no doubt that the financial burden under such a system would be less than it is to-day. The changes I advocate would make our penal system more efficacious, more merciful, and cheaper.

Candid Communications

Outspoken Messages to Celebrities, Notorieties and, occasionally, Nonentities

To the Rt. Hon. STANLEY BALDWIN, M.P.,
10, Downing Street, S.W.

DEAR PRIME MINISTER,—It is really not surprising that some of your own political followers should be pressing you for a clear statement of policy in regard to the House of Lords, for this is no longer a mere Party question. The whole political intelligence of the nation is in revolt against the antiquated system which gives men a share in making and mending the country's laws on no other grounds than that they are their fathers' sons. JOHN BULL.

To Rt. Hon. Sir W. MITCHELL-THOMSON, M.P.,
Postmaster-General.

DEAR P.M.G.—In Hull, where the City Council own the telephones, they are showing you a good example. In order to popularise the service among all classes, special facilities are being offered, and every effort made to meet the convenience of those who have hitherto regarded telephones as an impossible luxury. You might do worse than copy it. JOHN BULL.

To Sir H. KINGSLEY WOOD, M.P.,
Secretary to the Ministry of Health.

DEAR SIR,—At the opening of the extensions to the Royal Pump Room and Baths at Leamington Spa, you expressed the view that the treatment should be available to rich and poor alike. I have always contended that a panel doctor should be in a position to order any patient such treatment, and that the expense should be borne by the State. The Ministry of Health should make this practicable and without delay. That the health-giving properties of our spas have been reserved for the wealthy is a scandal and a shame. JOHN BULL.

To Sir OLIVER LODGE, F.R.S., D.Sc.,
Normanton House, Lake, near Salisbury.

DEAR SIR OLIVER,—I am glad to see you have no sympathy with the dismal doctrine that want and hunger are "economic necessities" from which there is no escape. "Food and enjoyment for all are possible," you tell us, "if the labour of mankind is rightly directed." So much clearer is the calm view of science than the blurred vision of the politicians. JOHN BULL.

To Sir DANIEL and Lady HAMILTON,
Balmacara, Scotland.

DEAR SIR AND MADAM,—The lovely village of Reraig has you to thank for an efficient and pure water-supply of which you have borne the entire cost. Moreover, you have presented to each small-holder renting under you an Ayrshire cow for the improvement of their milk-supply, and in other ways you are providing work, and looking upon your humbler neighbours as your responsibility and care. I do not wonder that they requite you with affection. JOHN BULL.

To Dr. ALFRED SALTER, M.P.,
Storks Road, S.E.

DEAR SIR,—You hit the right nail on the head when you bluntly told the Traffic Advisory Committee that the cruel and exasperating housing and traffic conditions of your borough are turning "worthy little Tory clerks, excellent, decent, home-loving men of the most inoffensive type, into ramping, raving, red Bolsheviks." Let us hope the truth went home. If common-sense and decency don't bring about a better state of things, let's be shocked into it by the surgeon's knife. JOHN BULL.

To Mr. E. G. HAMMOND,
Chairman, Canterbury Magistrates.

DEAR SIR,—Jane and Phœbe Frankham, summoned in respect of certain nuisances created by their van-dwelling, have been ordered to carry out sanitary improvements. They have done their best to comply. They have even gone hop-picking and devoted their meagre earnings to the work, instead of applying them to food and clothing desperately needed. It only needs to be known that the total cost of the job is £65 to realise how impossible it is for them to pay. The Rev. Gordon Wilson has started a subscription list, but still you have inflicted a penalty of 6d. a day which must be paid by the harassed defendants. To my mind you ought to have dismissed the summonses. JOHN BULL.

To Messrs. A. BUTLER and CO., Ltd.,
Oxford.

GENTLEMEN,—I have gratifying testimony from many of your customers that your effort to bring down the prices of food, and in particular bread, is meeting with full appreciation and proving a blessing to the poor. Naturally, those who wish to keep up prices are annoyed. They declare they will force you to join the "ring." All I can say is stick to your own plans and carry on. The gratitude of harassed housewives and mothers will be your reward. JOHN BULL.

To Miss LILIAN BAYLIS,
The "Old Vic," London, S.E.

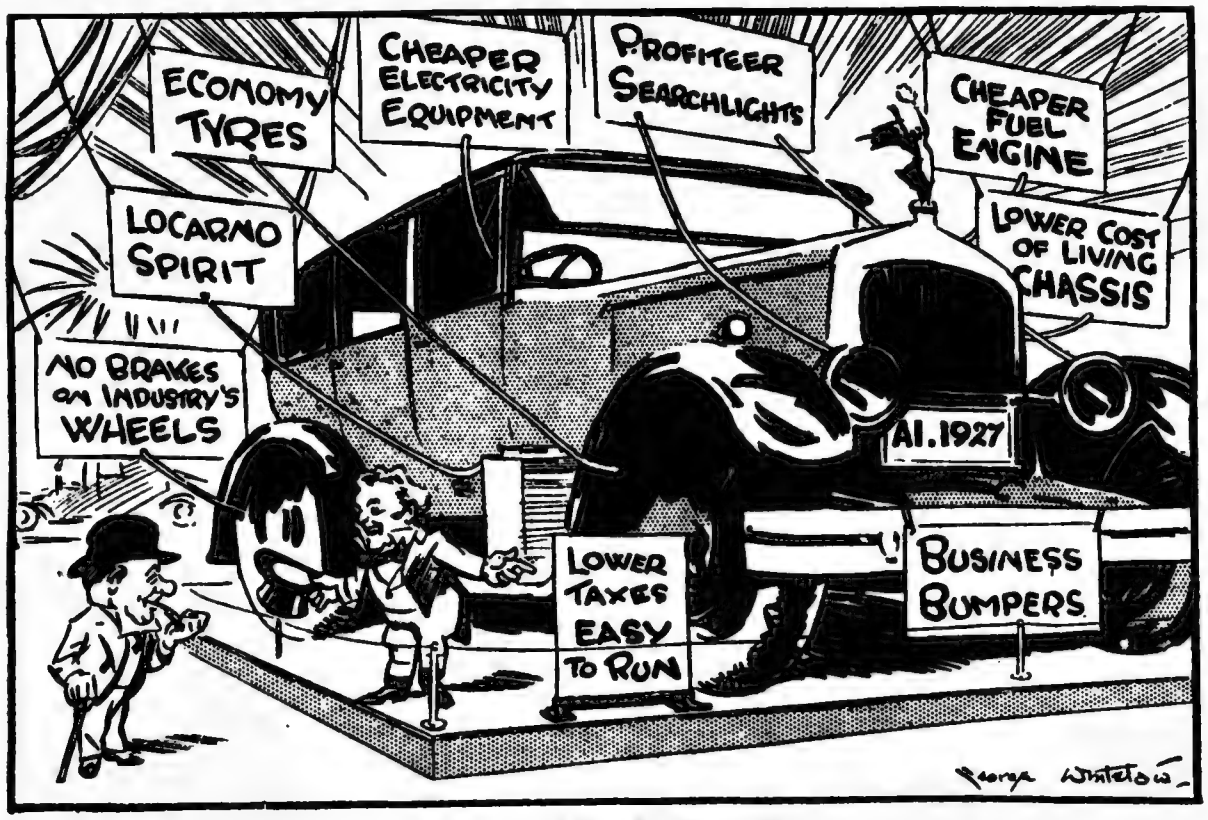
DEAR MADAM,—Long have I honoured you for the educational value of the work you and your colleagues are doing in South London, but the recent visit of your company to East Hanningfield, where you performed "Arms and the Man" before the members of the Lepers' Colony, touches my heart. These poor outcasts have so little to brighten their lives, which, I doubt not, is exactly what appeals to you so. In all sincerity I say it, I regard you as a real asset to the nation.
JOHN BULL.

To Mr. R. SHIRKIE,
Sec., Nat. Fed. Colliery Enginemen and Boilermen.

DEAR SIR,—The steadiness of your federation under extreme provocation is typical of all that is best in British character. I have never wavered in my advocacy of a settlement of the mines dispute along the lines of the Samuel Report. When that report was ruthlessly shoved into the background, and a scramble of catch-as-catch-can became inevitable, extremists wished to mark their anger and disgust by withdrawing the safety men. Your steady reply, "We won't do it," was just what I expected. JOHN BULL.

To Police-Superintendent W. H. BEACHER,
Horsham, Sussex.

DEAR SIR,—There are two sides to a policeman's job, one of which is to see that offenders are brought to justice and made to pay the full penalty for their crimes. The other is a human one and may, or may not, be done. You happily include it in your duties. To speak on behalf of prisoners in whom you see a streak of good, and, better still, to talk with them as man to man, and help them to the straight path, is your plan. In one case you even boarded out a lad at your own expense and gave him work until arrangements could be completed for sending him out to Australia where he wished to go. You are an honour to your profession. JOHN BULL.



THE CAR FOR 1927!

Straight from the Shoulder

MR. BALDWIN: "The times are serious"
And made infinitely more so by Parliamentarians who refuse to take them seriously.

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LORD HALDANE: "We need never be afraid of Bolshevism in a country like ours."
But we can easily convert penceable men into Bolshevists by neglecting their just claims to a decent chance of earning a living

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MR. H. G. WELLS: "An unfortunate factor in foreign affairs is the fool behind the gun."
A more unfortunate factor is the folly of nations which still believe in the efficacy of guns.

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DAME MADGE KENDAL: "I say this weather, this beautiful sunshine, is God's answer to Mr. Cook."
Mere sentiment. The only proper answer to any industrial trouble is for those in authority to look it in the face and settle it.

Without Fear or Favour —*by the Editor*

LEADERS IN LONG CLOTHES

Hidden Laws

WE have more than once called attention to the dangerous tendency of recent British Governments to legislate by means of secret Orders in Council, in place of open Parliamentary enactments. That this practice has attained dimensions which threaten grave injustice to law-respecting citizens is being constantly made evident in the courts.

Lawyers are beginning to complain that the multiplication of Departmental Regulations makes it impossible for them to keep pace with the law, and so to protect their clients from the results of ignorance. The unassisted layman is in a still worse position.

At Newport, Isle of Wight, a week or so ago, a farmer was prosecuted for infringing the regulations of the Ministry of Agriculture regarding the custody of a pedigree bull. The solicitor for the defence confessed himself totally ignorant of the regulations in question.

Apparently, they had been framed under a general Act of Parliament, giving the Ministry power to enact by its mere order regulations for the infringement of which sharp penalties were laid down.

Even the magistrate's clerk disclaimed all knowledge of the rule which the defendant had unwittingly transgressed.

There is an ancient maxim of British jurisprudence that "ignorance of the law excuses nobody," but it is important to remember that this principle took its rise in days when laws were openly enacted in Parliament, not secretly promulgated at the mere whim of a Minister of the Crown.

Law-making by official decree, common enough in some countries, is alien to the whole spirit and tradition of our free Constitution. There is a mass of evidence that it has increased, and is increasing. It ought to be diminished.

"Vox Populi"

AT the International Conference held at Geneva, German and French war victims, supported by many additional ex-soldiers, pledged themselves to the maintenance of peace.

Many will regard this as potentially more hopeful than all the debates of the League of Nations, since it is the man behind the gun who matters in the end.

If he declines to fire on a fellow creature, all the machinations of unscrupulous financiers, all the blunderings of politicians, all the ambitions of kings and dictators, must come to naught.

If only the peoples of the earth can be brought to forget frontiers and dividing seas, and to regard themselves as fellow citizens of the world, whose interests need not, and should not, conflict, the end of war will follow as a natural corollary.

When those old enemies, the French and the Germans, begin to regard each other as brothers, there is hope, indeed, for the world.

Let us trust that the demonstration at Geneva will only be the first of many and that in future representatives of the ex-soldiers of other nations will be present to join in the solemn and uplifting pledge.

A WILDERNESS OF WORDS

THE life of the present Government is wearing to a close. Political prophets see the omens, but few can regard their import with equanimity. The question, "Is Labour fit to govern?" has so far received only a negative reply

THERE was a time when the Annual Conference of the Labour Party was looked upon as nothing more than a means of providing plenty of amusing copy for the papers, and an opportunity for a gaping public to giggle at the way responsible leaders of trade unions and well-known politicians washed as much dirty linen in public as they could compass within the time of the conference.

Times have changed, but manners remain much the same. Willy-nilly, the annual conference of the Labour Party has become a matter of much national concern since, Labour having been His Majesty's Government once, it will presumably be so again, and although the conference has indulged, as usual, in much acrimonious personality, much incredible theorising, and the usual amount of dirty linen washing, it is no longer a means of affording newspaper copy, but a means of causing acute discomfort in the light of what the next year or two may bring forth.

No sooner is a Government born than it begins to die. The present Government is very near its end, if not through a sudden dissolution, through the natural expiration of its legal term of office.

What is to take its place? So far as we can see nothing at all except a Labour Government, and we confess ourselves considerably disquieted at the prospect.

So far as we can see the Labour Party is still rent into a thousand pieces over things that do not matter, while it speaks in chaotic and unintelligible accents on anything that really concerns itself in relation to the nation.

IT displays neither knowledge nor statesmanship; it clings stubbornly to slogans, shibboleths and time-worn theories; it rests its whole case on the supposed successful outcome of a gamble with fate, staking the prosperity of the country and the happiness of its citizens on that vague and indefinite nostrum called Socialism.

From the late Labour Prime Minister down to the most noisy Communist there is hardly a single concrete suggestion that bears any relation to practical economics and practical government.

It is, we think, no great secret that the first Labour Cabinet was formed amidst a hurly-burly of dictation, threats and a sort of political blackmail. It is now fairly common knowledge that Mr. MacDonald, whilst he won his way with regard to the major offices, was practically dragooned into disposing of the minor governmental posts to nominees of the trade unions.

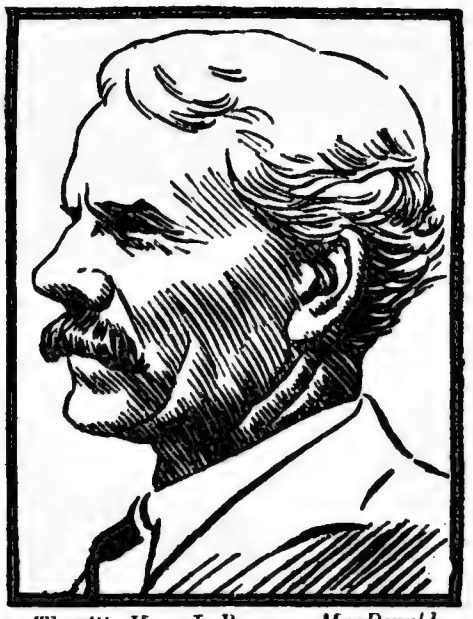
It is scarcely a less open secret that the law has already been laid down with regard to the exact formation of the next Labour Cabinet, if and when occasion arises, and that more emphatically than ever the trade unionists have announced that since they pay the piper they intend to see that they call the tune to the very last note.

THIS is not precisely a comforting prospect for a country already suffering from incompetent statesmanship and the lack of clear-sighted vision and political ability.

We take no great notice of Mr. George Lansbury, but the extraordinary spectacle of this gentleman being instructed to vote against the admission of the Communists to the Labour Party, and taking the opportunity of delivering a perfervid speech in their favour, strikes us as being strangely symptomatic of the disease from which the Labour Party suffers.

A Party which cannot govern itself cannot really hope to govern other people. The root trouble with the would-be statesmen of the Labour Party is that, born in agitation, they grew up in agitation, and have not yet learned to distinguish between agitation and statesmanship.

In the art of government they are still children. The tragically disquieting fact is that Fate and circumstances may, all too soon, place upon their shoulders burdens that are only fit for the grown-ups in the political arena.



The Rt. Hon. J. Ramsay MacDonald, M.P., ex-Prime Minister, who has been described by a famous writer as "the 'pale simulacrum' of a statesman"

The New 'Trade Union'

IT is one of the most astonishing of psychological facts that many "big business" men who object to trade unions amongst lesser folk are among the most diligent in forming protective combinations in their own behalf.

The last in the field is the gigantic world copper combine. For more than a year preparations for this great scoop have been in hand. Now at last it is an accomplished fact.

The combine will control copper prices all over the world. There will be no electricity undertaking, the largest users of copper, on either side of the globe, that will be able to fix its prices to consumers except at the will of the combine.

More than 90 per cent. of the copper producers of America have joined the organisation. Practically every important copper-producing firm in existence is represented, and even those which still hold out are gradually being converted. *They must join the combination in order to live.*

There is no objection to pooling industrial resources if the good of the world was the aim. But is it? We foresee in this new combination the exact opposite. Avowedly it is not brought into being to force prices up.

But at the instant of completion it has had that result. The first announcement forced up copper by 7s. 6d. to £58 1s. 3d. a ton. Members are pledged to the control of output. If copper prices fall supplies will be withheld.

Another wheel has been added to the devil's merry-go-round of artificial shortage. The good old earth still yields enough of every raw material to keep every human being born in decency and comfort. But because a handful of magnates are determined to be rich at whatever cost to the rest of the community, there is never enough allowed to reach the markets.

In every little home where electricity is laid on the sinister influence of this new combine is now going to be felt.

. . . And the Mutt Pays!

by E. ROFFE THOMPSON

THAT much-talked-of individual, "the man in the street," supplies the money and the Treasury spends it. Does he ever pause to ask what is done with it? Does he care? Does he realise what the tricks of the Treasury mean to his pocket?

General Dawes, the originator of the "Dawes Plan" for the rehabilitation of Germany

I SUPPOSE the one side of Government activity that the ordinary man knows little about, and takes little interest in, is the Treasury and the operations of its financial experts.

The fact that the Government is playing ducks and drakes with his money does not mean much to him until the income-tax inspector arrives on his doorstep.

When this happens he does, I assume, wake up for a moment and realise that out of his earnings the Government is taking a certain proportion in the shape of income-tax, and the thought no doubt passes dimly through his mind that this money which he has earned by the sweat of his brow is going to be employed in some form or another to run the country.

One or two instances have caught my eye recently which make me wonder whether these financial experts, who are presumed to be some of the cleverest men on earth, are really as clever as they look, or whether they have even the elementary business acumen possessed by any ordinary hard-headed man of business.

A slim move

Mr. Tom Johnston, M.P., has just unearthed some surprising facts about the Dawes Report, under which a loan was floated to assist Germany to get her on her feet again. This loan was for 40 millions sterling, of which Great Britain subscribed 12 millions. The loan was issued at £100 stock for every £92 subscribed, the rate of interest being £7 12s. 6d. on each £100, the real interest, therefore, being over 8 per cent.

When Germany got this loan she promptly lent 15 millions of it to Russia at 12½ per cent., thus making a profit on the deal of 4½ per cent. And not being nearly so foolish as those who purport to govern this country, the German Government saw to it that her loan to Russia was definitely tied down to be spent in buying electricity plant and for engineering goods in Germany.

So that while British workers are on the "dole" because our misrulers are starving British industry of capital, manufacturers in Germany are to-day busy supplying the Russian market and keeping their workers employed with the active help of British credit. To call this sort of thing business is to misuse language.

A colossal scandal

I have often wondered why it is impossible to get a straight answer from the Treasury whenever a question is asked in the House of Commons about the iniquitous methods of the great industrial assurance companies, and why the Government is adamant in refusing to take the slightest step towards dragging it into the light and ending it like the foul thing it is.

I do not think the reason is very far to seek. When the Treasury wants money it will not look at any tender for less than £50,000, which in practice limits the sources of its borrowing to the banks, the money market and the insurance companies.

With the banks and the money market I am not concerned here. I am only interested at the moment in the insurance companies. These get the public's surplus money for absolutely nothing, except a few months' risk, and promptly lend that money to the Government on the credit of Great Britain at between 4½ and 5 per cent.

As I say, these companies get money from the public for nothing at all. Let us see just on what sort of human material these so-called financial experts are playing, and what it means in terms of human tragedy.

An old man of eighty-two has just walked into the offices of JOHN BULL. Aged and feeble, he is dragging out the last years of his life on a meagre old-age pension. Long ago, he took out four policies to the total amount of £60 8s. Year after year he paid at the rate of 3s. 6d. a week until he had paid in premiums £117 13s. 4d.

Every penny lost!

If he had gone on paying 3s. 6d. a week until he had reached the age of 100, he could not have got back, or rather his relatives could not have got back, more than £60 8s. But he found himself unable to continue to pay the premiums and all the company offers him for the huge amount he has scraped together is £33 8s. 6d. payable at death!

There is another old man of eighty-two who took out a policy for £50, and has paid £50 in premiums. He can continue to do so no longer. His policy has lapsed, and as there is no surrender value he gets not a penny in return.

In 1903 he was induced to take out a second policy for £10 10s. He has paid at the rate of sixpence a week, and can now no longer continue, and all the company offers him is £4 13s., payable at death, for the £27 he has paid.

Or there is yet another case where a policy-holder has paid £44 4s. on a policy valued only at £9. Unable to pay the premiums any longer, the policy has lapsed.

It is no wonder that the industrial assurance companies can afford to tender for Treasury Bills, and it is a scandal and a shame that a Government that knows the source of their millions should not only consent to receive the money from them, but should even pay them good money for making use of the ill-gotten wealth.

Hidden tragedies

A third case that has come to my notice is in connection with a scandal not infrequently referred to in these pages—namely, the failure of Government after Government to give common justice to the civilian war claimants.

It is the case of an English dentist resident in Germany who has claimed against Germany for damage done to his business and stock at Freiburg during the war. His case was heard before the Anglo-German Arbitral Tribunal which, after considering the case on behalf of the dentist and the reply to it made by the representative of the German Government, reserved judgment.

There is every reason to expect that this Englishman will duly receive fitting compensation for his losses, but the point of the case is this—that an Englishman in Germany has a duly constituted legal tribunal before which he can place his claim for compensation, while Englishmen damaged by German action in their own country, England, have no such tribunal available.

And here are the financial experts haggling and quibbling, lying and shuffling, playing with millions that are not theirs, and giving excuses which would fail to deceive a sixth-form schoolboy.

Behind every Treasury transaction lie thousands of human tragedies. It is a thought that I commend to the attention of that extraordinary gentleman, Mr. Winston Churchill.

Poor Little R

War commits many crimes. The meanest of all is to blow the boots off a poor boy's feet

A FEW weeks ago I was fitting my latch-key into the front door when I heard a step behind me. I turned to face a lad with the *Times* and the *Herald* in his hand. "I'm sorry they're late, sir; but here they are."

Canon Donaldson

My gaze, however, was fixed not on the papers but on the boy. He stood before me, a pitiable sight. His shoes were hanging on his feet as if by magic, for there was little else to hold them there; there were more holes than leather. His coat was in rags and his trousers dilapidated. To make matters worse he was wet to the skin, for it was raining hard.

As I gazed at him I realised that I had not before seen the "paper boy." I knew that newspapers were there on the breakfast-table every morning. Now I saw the messenger in the flesh—shrouded in rags! Yet I employed a firm of high repute, who treated him well.

A few questions brought out the facts that his father was unemployed, his mother ill, that he had not long left school, and that his wage helped to sustain the home, in a poor street in Lambeth.

He was a bright lad of fifteen, full of intelligence, and quick and frank with his answers. He left me, thirty minutes later, reshod and partly re-clothed—and happy.

So far, so good. But when the boy had gone and I closed the door upon him, I found myself facing—not for the first time—the problems of the adolescent boys of our nation. These children, together with their sisters, leave school at the rate of 50,000 a month, just as they are beginning seriously to learn, and plunge into the "blind alley" employments, of which newspaper-delivering is a specimen.

THE days are past when we could dismiss a case like the one in question by doing some little acts of common kindness to soothe our conscience.

We know that competitive commerce demands a reserve of the unemployed, in order to meet a "boom" when it occurs. We know that thousands must be held hostage in penury, so that

Trade Towers of Babel

by A. G. GARDINER

AMERICA'S prosperity is "unbelievable"; Britain's poverty and loss of trade are also "unbelievable." Yet we hinder trade and prosperity by fighting over tariffs while our enemies look on and laugh in our faces!

SIR ALFRED MOND, who has been on a business tour in the United States, comes back with the announcement that that country is "unbelievably prosperous." There is no reason to doubt his testimony. Sir Alfred is not unacquainted with prosperity himself, and knows the thing when he sees it.

Nor, indeed, do we need his evidence. The prosperity of the United States smites us in the face in a thousand ways. It is as flagrant as the poverty of Europe. Uncle Sam stands in the midst of a continent flowing with milk and honey, Dame Europa in the midst of a continent parched and beggared.

The immediate cause of this enormous fact is, of course, the war. That catastrophe knocked the whole European system to smithereens; it left the United States system not merely intact, but strengthened and fortified.

Before the war the United States was an economic and political unit, and it is an economic and political unit to-day. A continent bigger than Europe and, in natural resources, richer than Europe, it has (thanks to Lincoln) one flag from the Atlantic to the Pacific, one government, one principle of commerce, and—*no tariffs*. Trade flows over the whole continent, free and unfettered.

Turn to the case of Europe. It is not and never has been an economic or political unit. It is and always has been a patchwork quilt of hostile fragments, big and little, armed and arming against one another, filled with jealousies of one another, putting up barriers against one another's trade.

A devastated ruin

Before the war this jumble of competitive States had a clumsy *modus vivendi* that enabled them to muddle along. They built tariff walls, but they allowed one another's trade to trickle through on terms. It was a poor makeshift for freedom, but it enabled Europe to function.

Then came the war. It left this makeshift scheme in ruins. Old empires were broken up, new frontiers were drawn, countries with unheard-of names appeared on the map, all the pre-war texture of trade collapsed. New tariff walls sprang up over the whole Continent, and a mad economic war succeeded the mad war of armaments.

There is at the Bank of England to-day a model of the tariff walls of the new Europe. It looks like a nightmare from Bedlam. All the trade channels have been blocked, and in the effort to destroy one another the whole Continent has been pauperised.

The crazy patchwork

This State has lost its cheap food, that State its supplies of cheap manufactures. Industry has been ruined here by the cutting off of its natural coal supplies, there by the loss of the raw material for its factories.

In making things artificially dear, consumption has been diminished, and industry depressed. Prices have risen and currencies have fallen, and over all Europe hangs the blight of stagnation.

And it will continue to hang so long as trade is regarded as a form of war instead of as a means of exchange. The "unbelievable prosperity" of the United States is due to the fact that the United States is a single garment of trade and interest woven in one piece.

Europe can only achieve the same prosperity by the same means. It must become a unit, instead of a crazy patchwork of hostile motives.

It is the growing sense of this fact, and the deepening alarm at the present disruption of European trade, that are at the back of the many movements afoot for substituting a common European purpose for the existing chaos. The attempt to keep trade in water-tight compartments of nationalism has brought Europe to bankruptcy, and only by thinking in continents can prosperity be restored.

To-day all the great bankers of every leading European country issue a momentous appeal to Europe to raze tariff walls that have brought

The Rt. Hon. Lt.-Col. Wilfrid Ashley, M.P., Minister of Transport, who presided at the Conference at Broadlands

disaster on us all, and to let trade flow freely through its natural channels. Last week the Chamber of Shipping launched a similar appeal.

Under the leadership of Germany, the Continental countries are organising a great European *cartel* for administering the whole steel production of Europe on a Continental basis.

A brighter outlook

England at present stands outside this movement, but the conference at Broadlands recently between German and English business men, under the presidency of a member of the Government, indicates that we too are moving.

I agree with those who say we must walk warily in these great matters. We have an ingrained suspicion of the trust which, if uncontrolled, may prey upon the consumer. But while this caution is necessary, we must reconstruct trade on a European basis if we are to recover prosperity.

A European outlook in trade is the corollary of the League of Nations which provides a European outlook in politics.

We can never, perhaps, be a unit in the sense in which the United States is a unit, but we can and must over-ride our divisions with a common co-operative effort if we are to restore the balance.

What events seem moving towards is an economic United States of Europe, with a customs union providing universal free trade between the constituent countries.

I should be sorry to see a tariff wall round Europe, but better that one wall, within which all is free, than the hundred walls that impede trade inside Europe to-day.

If that economic United States of Europe comes, we must be of it. There are some who say, "No. Let Europe be one customs union, the United States another, the British Empire a third." That is impossible.

A new birth to the old world

Australia, Canada and the rest will never, in their present frame of mind, give us free trade. And we are too close, too dependent, too interested in Europe to stand outside its life and movement.

If we can abolish Protection within Europe, as the United States has abolished Protection within its borders; if we can convert Europe from a cut-throat competition to a commercial unity and co-operation, we shall give a new birth to the old world and share in that "unbelievable prosperity" that exists across the Atlantic.

And then when the United States of Europe confront the United States of America, perhaps both will have the wisdom to see that tariff walls are as bad for continents as they are for kingdoms and communities.

Ragamuffin!

by CANON F. W. DONALDSON, M.A.

they can be "called up" when required, and that we have, in 1926, one and a half millions of these outcasts from honourable labour. We know, in a word, that all this is involved in that boy's answer, "My father has no work."

AND how about the mother? She is one of those who struggle on in poverty, her man being intermittently in work and out of it.

To this end another evil, ill-housing, has contributed. A couple of rooms in Lambeth house a whole family. The children begin to grow up, and difficulties of living and sleeping amenities increase, until the matter of morals presses remorselessly upon the mother's soul.

"Mother's ill" conveys all this and much more. That sentence is an indictment of the nation, of every thinking man and woman, not to say of every Christian. In London alone, 500,000 persons before the war lived with their families in single-roomed tenements.

Things are much worse now. And what is true of London is true, in proportion, of every great city, and of many of our rural districts.

My readers may say, "What can *I* do?" My answer is, Get knowledge of the facts, and "with knowledge get understanding." Then join with others who know and think; combine. Deal next with your local authorities; stimulate your local governing bodies, municipal and educational and political.

If members of a local church, insist upon the responsibility of your co-worshippers, together with your clergy and ministers. We must have a crusade of citizenship for the things that matter. We need in the service of man every gift, and the grace of self-sacrifice, which men of all nations so foolishly lavished upon war.

Again, we must expect social disaster after this madness of the peoples. We cannot fight and kill and yet build schools, employ teachers, redeem slums, build houses, as if there had been no war.

THAT newspaper boy, in his rags outside my front door, represents every social problem, including the greatest of all—that of world peace.

To save the child, we must pass from him to the mother, from her to the home, from the home to the housing and the father's wage; from that to the city, industry and the nation, and from the nation to the world-problems of our time. Nothing less is involved in this one case, nothing less in his words, "Father's out of work, and mother's ill."

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MANY disgraceful things have been done in the name of medical science. Here is an example which will outrage every decent thinking person. The culprits have brought shame and indignity on an honourable profession

A MONSTROUS EXPERIMENT

By GEORGE GODWIN *(Barrister-at-Law)*

WE have heard much just lately about St. Francis of Assisi, the simple saint who, seven hundred years ago, proclaimed the brotherhood of all living creatures, calling the wild animals, the birds, and even the fishes, his little brothers and sisters.

Our churches and Press have been ringing with the praises of this gentle spirit. But let us be honest. We have travelled far from the Little Poor Man of Assisi in this scientific era of ours.

There is established throughout the medical world a system of animal torture which goes under the name of physiological research. This means the vivisection of the living, experiment, torture and ultimately mutilation or destruction.

The Church Congress has been meeting at Southport. The reverend fathers have been probing our social sores, prescribing spiritual medicine castigating our follies and our vices.

The devil's course

But they have had no thought for the creatures whom we, in our arrogance, deem lower than ourselves. No voice has been raised against the foul deeds of the vivisection laboratories.

Once admit the right of man to torture dumb animals for his own ends and you start upon a course which ends with devilry.

For the revolting and shameful facts which I now place before the readers of JOHN BULL I have the authority of the *British Medical Journal*. Had I not that authority, I should, indeed, hesitate to ask any human being to credit the facts.

We have heard much of a certain Professor Voronoff, who has claimed the godlike power to restore to us our youth by means of the unnatural proceeding of grafting upon the senile subject the glands of a monkey.

Here, then, is where this line of research has carried this materialisation of that monster, Dr. Moreau, pictured by H. G. Wells.

A disgusting action

The laconic passage from the *British Medical Journal* which exposes the foulness of modern research work, so-called, is a Report of the Stockholm Congress. Here it is:

"Voronoff and Didry (Paris) read a report on what may prove to be a very important piece of work, although considerable scepticism was expressed at the meeting. They have transplanted a human female ovary into a female chimpanzee, previously ovariotomised.

"They then fertilised this chimpanzee with human sperm . . they now await the birth of a human child. Even if this actually occurs there is no doubt that confirmation in other laboratories will be required before the explanation given can be fully accepted."

Let us suppose that such experiments are undertaken in a physiological laboratory right in the heart of the Empire—in London itself. What is the attitude of the law towards it? The answer is that there is no law to prevent a "scientist" producing a child in this manner, with a chimpanzee for mother.

What will the Church say when the proud "scientist" brings the fruit of the laboratory for christening? Will the chimpanzee mother be permitted to stand as godparent?

In 1906, a Royal Commission was appointed to get evidence concerning experiments upon living animals.

Dr. Pembrey, the arch-priest of

Mr. George Godwin

vivisection, said: "I admit that I have done painful experiments, and I am not ashamed of it."

A cruel admission

When this "doctor" had completed his evidence, the Commission came to the conclusion that Dr. Pembrey took up a "position which is untenable and, in our opinion, absolutely reprehensible."

Next came Dr. Emanuel Klein. When asked by the chairman whether he had no regard at all to the sufferings of the animals, this experimenter replied, "No regard at all."

Yet this Commission in making its report, wrote: "The animal need not be killed though in considerable pain — considerable and likely to endure—if the main result has not been attained."

The Act which purports to control this malign activity of the pseudo-scientists is the Cruelty to Animals Act of 1876. Nobody, it stipulated, was to conduct experiments upon living animals without anæsthetics. And no man was to experiment at all without a Government licence.

This absurd measure, however, actually provides for exemptions from the very provisions that safeguard the victims of the laboratory. Experimenters can obtain exemption from the anæsthetic qualification.

An absurd arrangement

In 1925, 209,014 exemptions were granted—granted to such men as Dr. Pembrey.

In its wisdom our Government has appointed two inspectors to supervise the 267 licensed torture laboratories in the British Isles. To indicate their sanity they have appointed an avowed vivisector in one case!

Professor Bigelow, of Harvard University, in a paper read before the Massachusetts Medical Society, said: "Watch the students at a vivisection. It is the blood and suffering, not the science, that rivets their breathless attention."

Mr. Henry Lee, F.R.C.S., Lecturer in Pathology and Surgery to the Royal College of Surgeons, said: "The hands of the vivisector, by the repeated use of morally unlawful things, gradually become hardened, and a kind of creeping paralysis finally extends to the vital parts."

Yet we find even women stooping to these revolting practices, notably Professor Winifred Cullis, who, without any licence, experimented on dogs.

Dr. Alfred Russell Wallace, one of the greatest scientists of our age, condemns vivisection because it produces a "passion for experiment, which leads to unauthorised experiments in hospitals on unprotected patients."

Most "ignorant" unscientific men and women will, perhaps, prefer to follow this great teacher and subscribe to his testament: "I am opposed to vivisection on the ground that it is immoral and degrading, especially to students."

Out of the vast spendings of the Cancer Research Fund nothing has come. And the bulk of this so-called scientific research work is nothing but vivisection, degrading, debasing and unscientific.

Prominent opponents

Lawson Tait, Sir William Ferguson, Sir Charles Gordon, Forbes Winslow, to name but a few prominent medical authorities, condemn the whole foul business of animal torture under cover of scientific pretensions.

And among mere laymen we find Cardinal Manning, Voltaire, Ingersoll, Comte, Ruskin and Carlyle denouncing it in vehement terms.

Do not most of us feel as Robert Browning felt when he wrote: "I would rather submit to the worst of deaths so far as pain goes, than have a single dog or cat tortured on the pretence of sparing me a twinge or two."

What can the ordinary man do? Only one thing: Ask your Member of Parliament what he proposes to do and send him a copy of JOHN BULL to convince him of the atrocious truth.

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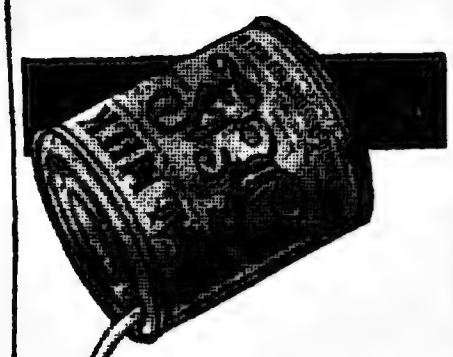

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THE GREAT EGG SCANDAL

DEATH FROM THE DUCK

Ministry's Startling Admission

IT has been estimated that over twenty thousand million eggs were consumed in the United Kingdom last year. The estimate is probably too high; it may possibly be too low. It can only be the result of guesswork, since the statistics of the poultry industry are in a hopeless case.

The figures emphasise the necessity of safeguarding the freshness and the quality of such valuable foodstuffs, which is obviously the duty of the Ministry of Agriculture. It is a duty the Ministry neglects. The neglect may be proved by its own report on egg-marketing.

When the market is rising, as, for instance, at this period of the year, eggs are held over so that an extra profit may be snatched. The older an egg is, the less its food value and the poorer its taste.

Preserved eggs are mixed with fresh. A preserved egg has lost its vitamins. Lower-grade foreign eggs are mixed with English without any regard for possible effects on the health of the consumer.

A bad reputation

That the Ministry of Agriculture is aware of the prevalence of such malpractices is evidenced by the report on egg-marketing already referred to. One passage declares that:

"The mixing of inferior foreign and preserved eggs with the home produce seems to be common, and as the housewives are generally under the impression that the eggs offered are home-produced and received from neighbouring farms, it is understandable that the English egg may, in some centres, acquire a wholly unmerited reputation for inferiority."

Under the "Eggs (Description on Sale) Order" of 1920, it is a summary offence to sell or offer or expose for sale as "fresh" or "new laid" eggs any imported eggs, unless the word "imported" or the name of the country of origin also forms part of the description.

Duck egg dangers

During the last twelve months two sudden deaths have been attributed to the eating of duck eggs, and in each case the eggs were of foreign origin. A few months ago a poultry expert saw foreign duck eggs exposed for sale in a London grocer's shop as "English."

He reported the matter to the Food Council.

The council forwarded the letter to the Board of Trade. An inspector of that department visited the shop and afterwards informed the man who had laid the complaint that the matter was for the borough council health inspector to deal with, and that the matter had been reported to him, and the original letter of complaint forwarded.

Nothing more has been heard of the matter.

The Merchandise Marks Bill was before the House of Commons on May 12. The Bill provides for the marking of imported eggs, among other things. There are rumours that the Bill will be quietly dropped because of the opposition of business interests.

Be that as it may, such a Bill would never have been considered necessary if only the marketing of produce had been properly supervised.

In Northern Ireland all wholesale egg-merchants have to be licensed. So, also, ought every merchant here. In Northern Ireland, too, people who sell bad eggs are prosecuted.

Only the other day a Strabane (County Tyrone) sanitary officer reported to the Strabane Council that he had obtained an order and had destroyed 25,000 eggs that were in the possession of an exporter. The eggs were so rotten that a workman employed on the task of destroying them had been taken ill. But for the visit of the inspector the eggs would have been placed on the English market.

Lt.-Col. the Rt. Hon. Walter Guinness, M.P., Minister of Agriculture

We in England urgently need a law that will make it an offence for any producer or licensed dealer to offer for sale any eggs in a dirty condition, stained, stale, bad, or in any way in a contaminated condition.

All for legislation

If the Government would bring in a short Bill to deal with these points it would have the support of the National Farmers' Union, the National Poultry Council, and such bodies as the West of England Poultry and Egg Merchants' Association, to say nothing of the great body of consumers who realise the importance of pure food.

IN PRISON WITHOUT TRIAL

A Growing Legal Scandal

"AN accused person is presumed to be innocent until proved guilty." Here is a maxim as old as Magna Charta, a root principle of the common law, an axiom of British justice. Yet every day this wholesome rule is scorned and violated.

In 1924, according to official figures, 4,932 persons, "presumably innocent" till proved guilty, were flung into jail to await trial by judge and jury, bail being either fixed at an impossible figure or point-blank refused.

This scandal grows. In 1924, the latest year for which returns are available, the number of persons admitted to bail, as every accused man or woman is legally entitled to be in the absence of good reason to the contrary, was considerably less than half the total number of those committed for trial

Prisons before trial

It is not a question of the gravity of the offences charged. Out of just over a thousand persons committed during the year for common thefts, as many as 700 were sent to prison to await trial, although no fewer than 217 out of the total were ultimately acquitted.

Not only does the law, when so maladministered by magistrates, punish the citizen before he is proved guilty, thus introducing a capricious and variable element into what should be definite and certain, but it runs the awful risk of punishing innocent persons in place of the guilty.

For such unmerited suffering and disgrace there is not a vestige of compensation.

Out of 390 persons committed for trial during 1924 for false pretences, 62 were ultimately acquitted, although 274 of the total had been refused bail.

This gross injustice, for it is nothing less, has been the subject of repeated protests by High Court judges.

On May 28, 1923, Mr. Justice Horridge, at the Berkshire Assizes, reminded the grand jury that "the power of granting bail could not be used too freely"; and the learned judge went on to show how few cases there were in which bail was "estreated," or forfeited to the Crown on account of the prisoner's non-appearance to take his trial.

Viscount Cave, the Lord Chancellor

On an average these disappearances amount to about one in a thousand of persons admitted to bail.

At the Kent Assizes in November, 1924, Mr. Justice Swift found that two prisoners awaiting trial on trumpery charges of fraud had been kept in prison since the month of August. In one case, the total amount involved was £4 8s. 6d., yet, as the learned judge pointed out in language of vigorous protest, "this man had been kept in prison all September, all October, and nearly all November, because he hadn't a friend who would put up £50."

Denouncing the magistrates' action as "a very improper and disgraceful thing," the judge enunciated the principle that "bail should in all cases be granted unless there was reasonable ground for believing that the prisoner would not appear to take his trial."

Judge's condemnation

In two cases of bigamy at the Surrey Assizes a month later, Mr. Justice Swift used still more emphatic language, declaring that "magistrates and their clerks had no right to keep people in custody awaiting trial"—except for the sole reason he had previously stated.

A prisoner refused bail by the magistrates has the right to appeal to a High Court judge, but the procedure is complicated, and unless the accused can obtain the services of counsel he has little hope of success. Often the accused is totally ignorant of the fact that a right of appeal exists.

Detention in prison for want of bail severely handicaps a prisoner in the preparation of his defence. He loses touch with witnesses who might establish his innocence, and is in a less favourable position to instruct his legal representatives.

The fact that every year scores of persons imprisoned pending trial are ultimately found not guilty condemns the failure of magistrates to grant bail in proper cases, still rife in spite of judicial protests, as a wanton outrage against elementary principles of justice.

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AN ANGEL IN AGONY

I HAVE just finished my day's work, and, let me confess it, I am a hopeless wreck. It is all through a child—a little girl of five. She has auburn hair and wonderful eyes, and when I left her a few minutes ago she was hugging a teddie bear almost as big as herself.

She looks as though she has been made for life, for love and for laughter, yet the doctor tells me that she cannot live more than a month She is suffering from "the hell of all diseases"—cancer. Do you wonder that the world seems a sorry place to live in?

As I look at that innocent bairn and listen to her idle prattle, I see the dreaded ogre just round the corner, waiting to pounce on her. Confronted by such an experience, how can one believe in the goodness of anything? Doris Caley, you have smashed my faith in life to smithereens.

A mother's agony

I had just written these words, when my bell rang, and a visitor was announced. It was a young woman in the early thirties, and she carried in her eyes the shadow of a great sorrow. Her voice was strangely subdued as she told me that she was the mother of Doris.

"She's my only child," she moaned, "and she means everything in the world to me." She sank on to her knees and her cries pierced me through and through. "My God, make her better," she wailed, "make her well again."

I have seen people suffering from excruciating pain in the throes of a "bloody sweat," but never have I seen mental torture produce such an effect as it did on that woman.

It was only an hour later, when she told me something of her history, that I understood the tragedy of her life. Doris was born two months before her time, and her husband swore that the child could not be his.

So that home in Haggiston ceased to be a paradise, and became a purgatory. They kept up appearances by living under the same roof, but their lives were wide as the poles asunder. From the first that man laid down certain conditions governing the child.

She was to be in bed by the time he reached home from his work, and during the week-ends her grandparents must look after her. The years passed by, and not more than a dozen words did he speak to that child, and never once did he speak to her mother without need.

It almost seemed as if the hard, unnatural soil was unsuited for that tender

Philip Inman

little flower, for suddenly one day the doctor had to be called in, and two days later he gave his fatal verdict.

The staggering news

Almost demented, the mother brought Doris to my hospital for further examination, but, alas! the earlier diagnosis had to be confirmed. She came to us as a patient, but her laughing eyes and winsome nature made everyone of us her willing slave.

When a little boy of two in an adjoining bed was taken away to have his tonsils removed, Doris showed great concern.

"Don't hurt him," she begged, "he's only a little chap." Don't hurt him! And yet she had just emerged from a spasm of indescribable agony.

One day I was in the ward when I saw a man enter and make his way to the cot where this child lay. Some years ago, in a well-known lawsuit, a judge invited a famous sculptor to help him to decide the parentage of a child. There was no need for either judge or sculptor to convince me. I saw at once that this man and Doris were father and child.

When the mother looked up and saw him there, immediately she rose and left the ward, and when the child saw her father her chatter ceased, and she became strangely silent. I heard him speak to her in a tender voice and I marvelled.

A touching reconciliation

A day or two afterwards I witnessed a repetition of what I had seen before. The father came into the ward, and his wife slowly left, and waited outside in the corridor, but this time little Doris shouted out excitedly, "It's my daddie."

For some time he sat by her side, and it was obvious that the gap of years between these two had been completely bridged. Then the child espied her mother standing just within the door. She looked at her father, and in her wistful eyes there was an irresistible appeal.

"Look, there's mummie," she said. "Ask her to come in." Without the slightest hesitation the man answered the summons, and a moment later that father and mother walked through the ward hand in hand to their child's bedside.

Who but a child could forgive and forget the ignominy of years? She was to lose her own life, but she found for this man and this woman a new atmosphere in which love could thrive, and a new foundation upon which a real home life could be built.

Doris Caley, you once made me lose heart and hope, but that was not really you, it was only a poisoned leaf which had entwined itself upon a sweet and fragrant plant. When you stole into our lives you taught us just how pure and true and unselfish a little child can be.

The Sentence of the Court

A DARK-AGE DESPOT

Cleric's High-handed Action

WHEN charged with offensive behaviour, the Rev. Harold Lawson, rector of Abbots Morton, Worcestershire, informed the Court that to call into question any action of his was rank blasphemy, as he was "Our Lord's duly appointed."

"I have encountered a few high-handed clergymen," said Mr. Watchdog, K.C., "but never have I met a parson so richly endowed as is the accused with qualities of a rural inquisitor.

"I must remind the jury that the story I am about to tell was not extracted from some mediæval manuscript, but concerns events in an English village in the twentieth century.

"Mr. Martin, a 'Wyclif preacher,' was conducting a week-day service at Abbots Morton when it began to rain, so a Mrs. Bishop, who is (or was) a member of the congregation presided over by the accused, invited Mr. Martin to hold his service in her house, two other of Lawson's parishioners—a Mrs. Richardson and a youth named Harris, church organ-blower—being present.

"Next day the Rev. H. Lawson visited the village school, told the children that a terrible act of infamy had been committed and tried to find out who had dared worship God without his august permission. Following this, he wrote to the two ladies 'excommunicating' them for 'a deadly schism' and 'gross sins against the Holy Ghost.'

"Mrs. Bishop was informed: 'You have imperilled your immortal soul, which I, our Lord's duly appointed, have been given the care of,' while the young organ-blower was told: 'We cannot have our music going to heaven from one who has insulted God in His Church.'

"These facts," concluded counsel, "are not in dispute, and they speak, not to say shriek, for themselves."

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Mr. Strawsplitter urged that the church had to take drastic action against blacklegging. The Rev. H. Lawson was a skilled worker who had served an expensive apprenticeship to Christianity at Oxford. It was intolerable that his parishioners should encourage a mere lay preacher, who, quite possibly, was ignorant of such vital matters as the correct occasions upon which to wear an amice or a maniple.

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"An army of unbelievers, whose increasing numbers prominent ecclesiastics are wont to deplore, will doubtless treat this affair as a howling jest," said Mr. Justice Bull; "but I must consider the numerous sincerely religious people who have been unspeakably shocked by the antics and animadversion of this cleric.

"The bitterest opponents of industrial trade unionism will seek in vain for a parallel to this impudent attempt to boycott 'free labourers' in the Lord's vineyard, and one would have to delve among the grisly records of the dark ages of religious intolerance to discover culprits fitted to occupy the dock in company with Mr. Lawson.

"I must direct that the prisoner shall for six months of Sundays exhibit himself in the market-place at Abbots Morton in sackcloth and ashes, in the hope that this penance will teach him the Christian virtue of humility."

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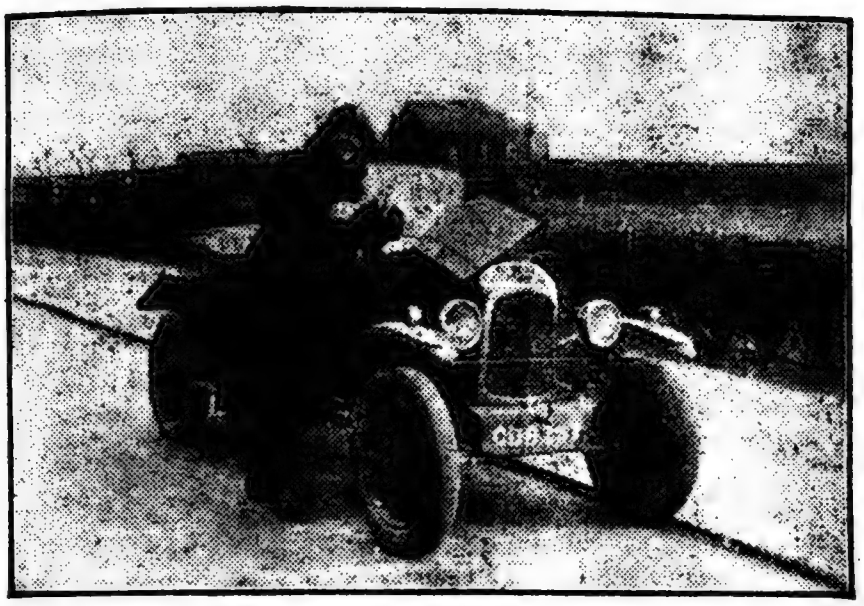

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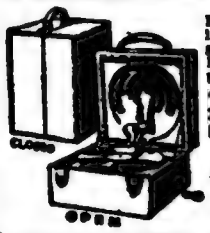

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Words Winged to Women

"HONOUR thy father and thy mother" is a commandment that will always be worthy of attention. Young people of to-day are questioning its wisdom when "honouring" the old means any check on individual liberty

BABY WEARS THE TROUSERS!

by MABEL HORNER

OF the many subjects of vital interest discussed by the Church Congress at Southport, the one presented by Mrs. Creighton, the widow of a famous Bishop of London, touched the home most closely.

Mrs. Creighton, at seventy-six years of age, finds that in her lifetime the character of family life has changed completely. The parent's word is no longer law. The despot of the home is no longer the father; the despot is the child.

The spirit that rules the home is the spirit of liberty. Put crudely, the child, the moment it is old enough, argues that it did not ask to be brought into the world; but once having arrived, it claims the right to do exactly as it likes.

Discontent was rife enough in younger people before the war. During the war, which turned every home in the country topsy-turvey, and riddled the world with griefs and strange new anxieties and callings, that discontent found some outlet in service. A young girl said to Mrs. Creighton, "I am glad the war has come. It has enabled me to get away from my home, and do some work."

I remember one morning in a northern city, after a night of shattering air-raids, watching some young girls standing in a store choosing expensive clothes. "I don't care how long the war lasts," cried one gleefully. "It's doing right well for us." She was a munition-worker.

The tragedy of discontent

Her unthinking words were an hysterical outburst of satisfaction that at last she had money to spend of her own earning. Now the war is over there are no longer well-paid jobs waiting on every hand, and the tragedy of discontent and the love of personal liberty takes another form. The young still mean to be independent and claim their right to live their own individual lives.

And the real question is, What are the elder folk, the parents who would willingly give their lives to smooth the path for their offspring, going to do about it?

I do not think we should let the matter drift, nor do I think the older folk should grumble because the attitude of the young has changed towards them. It is merely ridiculous, for instance, for mothers who wear short skirts and short hair to demand from their girls that funny form of honour termed "respect."

Parents as comrades

The young live and laugh. Well for the parents whose children laugh with them, but not at them, which is a very different thing.

In the old days, when father ruled with a rod of iron, and mother in voluminous skirt and cap became old at thirty, there was a good deal of outward obedience, but inwardly—there was seething discontent.

We must be wiser with children to-day. While the family relationships have changed in character the world has not been standing still. The desire for independence and self-determination is good, if only both are devoted to right ends.

Clinging girls and boys, who look for "guidance" in every small decision of life, are simply of no use in this age of rush and competition and killing pace.

What, then, of the home? Is it no longer to be the hub round which the rest of existence revolves? A thousand times, YES! More than ever the home and the influence of home are needed.

But home must be adapted to the changing conditions of the world, and that is where so many families of to-day go wrong.

The father who does not enjoy the confidence of his boys, and the mother who does not share the hopes and ambitions of her girls, have both failed in the true interpretation of their duties.

Mrs. Creighton

I am a firm believer in what Mrs. Creighton termed "the Holy Spirit in the home." The Holy Spirit that moves in the atmosphere of the perfect home is the spirit of understanding and love. Where understanding is there can exist neither quarrels nor bitterness or revolt.

The root of security

Parents are still needed to set an example in right living, a principle that goes much further than precept. And children, rightly trained, will be helped to make their own decisions, stand firmly on their own feet, and make their own way honestly and helpfully in the world.

Framed on this principle family life may yet be the most beautiful and vital thing in our midst. It is on the beauty and solidity of perfect homes that the security of any country rests.

The C3 Bridegroom

by Mrs. STELLA CHURCHILL, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., L.C.C.

IT is obvious to any thinking person that we take much less trouble about the selection and care of human beings than we do in the breeding and nurture of race-horses.

There are hundreds of people in the world to-day whose lives are a misery both to themselves and others. We were often told, during the war, that we had become a nation of C3 physique and that the future should enable us not only to build "homes for heroes," but a heroic race as well.

That there should be some standard of mental and physical fitness in the parents of the race is hardly an outrageous demand, but at the present time not one person in a thousand considers whether he is in a fit state to add to the population of the world. The existence of hundreds of blind, deaf and mentally defective children is a tremendous burden to the State.

THE education, for example, of a deaf child in London costs about £60 per head, and that of a normal child in the elementary school about £15 per annum. It would surely be more logical to reverse these figures.

If there were a system of medical inspection and health certificates before marriage, it would be possible to prevent the marriage of people whose children will suffer from these defects.

While the Public Health Law prevents anyone suffering from scarlet fever or diphtheria travelling in a public conveyance, it does nothing to control the marriage of persons who are in the infectious stage of venereal disease. In many cases the sufferers do not realise that they are still infective to others or dangerous to their children.

SIMILARLY where there is a family history of consumption or insanity, it would be a very wise precaution to get an examination before marriage, and, indeed in all cases this should be done.

The question as to who would be the most suitable person to give such certificates is one open to discussion. If there were any complete scheme of public health under the local authority such a duty might be carried out by the medical officer of health of the district.

On the other hand, the family doctor has often more knowledge of the individual's life and health.

Other countries have already put this idea into practice, notably in Germany, where it is done as a voluntary experiment, and also in the Argentine, where a law was recently passed forbidding marriage of persons suffering from venereal disease. Alcohol is another "race poison" which may adversely affect the offspring, and knowledge of this danger would warn the parents against over-indulgence in its use.

Such an idea as here described would probably tend to produce more married happiness as it would bring the "skeletons out of the cupboard" before marriage and allay many fears in the minds of the people concerned.

It can only be brought about if the public really wants such a scheme; but the ideal of parenthood (healthy from every point of view) is one which we can put before the young of both sexes.

SYSTEMATIC examinations would do more to prevent illness than visits to the doctor when the illness has already developed: this is particularly true of such a disease as cancer.

Our hospitals and asylums, our prisons and sanatoria, contain many of the sick, in body or mind, who are the product of our present policy of leaving such matters alone.

It is surely time for a wise and charitable guidance of the public in this problem, which concerns the individual as well as the community as a whole.

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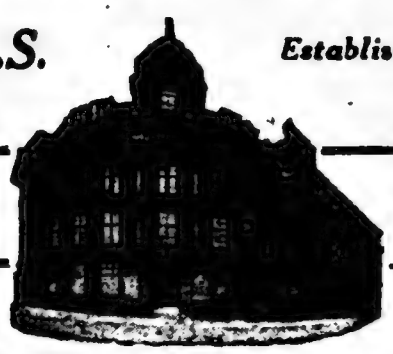

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Tricked by a Bogus Medium

Cruel Snobbishness—A Sponging Son—An Awkward Tenant

"I AM in great distress over a difficulty that has arisen between my fiancée and myself through dabbling in Spiritualism. Some time ago we attended a séance together and, during the evening, my fiancée received, or believed she received, several messages purporting to come from her brother who was killed during the war.

"This gave her great happiness. Sorrow over the loss of her brother had been ever present with her and she had never ceased to mourn for him—at one time indeed I feared that her grief might affect her health—and the comfort she derived from the assurance that her brother was still in existence and always near her made a very great difference.

"For a while, as a result of this new contentment of mind, we were supremely happy. After a time, however, she received from the medium a message to the effect that her brother desired her to devote her life to the furtherance of spiritualistic work.

"She was ever anxious during his lifetime to fall in with his slightest wish, and now she is displaying the same devotion and is determined to carry out what she believes to be his desires.

"She has, however, got the idea into her head that to marry and perhaps bear children would hinder her in her progress in the work of Spiritualism, and has asked me, while assuring me of her unaltered affection, to give up all thought of marriage and join her in this spiritualistic mission.

"Now, I have obtained what I regard as positive proof that the medium under whose influence my fiancée has fallen is a fraud.

"But if I tell my fiancée what I have discovered regarding the medium, I fear I shall destroy the happiness which she has gained, yet if I remain silent and accede to her wishes, I feel that she will ultimately be just as miserable through foregoing the felicity to which we have both long looked forward."

"HUMANIST" says: *This is an instance of the dangerous effect of so-called Spiritualism on those who are given to excessive and almost morbid sorrow over the dear departed. You should not hesitate to expose the fraud to your fiancee, for unless she is becoming irrational it need not cause her any distress. She can find support for her belief in the continual existence and nearness of her brother's spirit without resorting to mediums, and she should realise that he would be the last to wish her to forgo the felicity of fulfilling her natural functions.*

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"I AM a married woman, and not having been blessed with any little ones of my own, I felt I wanted an outlet for my maternal feelings and so adopted two little girls from some 'cottage homes' in the neighbourhood of the city where I live. They have been with me now for several years and they are the joy of my life.

Charity and Children

"Soon after a new neighbour came to live next door I was distressed to notice that one of my little girls became very depressed and subdued and appeared to be unhappy about something. After a while the little one tearfully told me the cause of her misery.

"The woman next door has a child who attends the same school and sits next her, and this child had told her that her mother had forbidden her to speak to my little one or to have anything whatever to do with her.

"I felt so indignant that I at once spoke to my neighbour on the subject, and I was more than ever disgusted when she confirmed what my girl had told me and declared that she did not wish any daughter of hers to lower herself by mixing with 'charity' children.

"My little girls are of good parentage and it was only the tragedy of their being doubly orphaned that led to their going to the 'cottage homes'

"I like to live in friendliness with my neighbours, but I cannot bring myself to regard such a woman with anything but fierce dislike."

"HUMANIST" says: *I can quite understand your feelings. The only thing you can do is to ignore such an unpleasant neighbour. If the school authorities consider your little girls fit to mix with the other scholars, there cannot be much wrong with them, and if your neighbour is dissatisfied, she should remove her daughter to another school. I cannot help feeling pity for the child of such an uncharitable mother.*

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"I HAVE a neighbour who has been a widower for some years. In addition to the handicap of his old age, he is crippled by the loss of a limb. He has a hard struggle for existence, his only income being derived from a small business which is rapidly slipping away from him owing to his age and infirmity.

Worthless Son

"My wife and I have watched his struggle with pity and sympathy, and often, knowing that he is insufficiently nourished and unable to look after himself properly, we have sent cooked meals to him.

"But what arouses our anger is the attitude of the poor old fellow's good-for-nothing son, who, though he is in constant work, does not contribute a penny for his keep or to help to support his poor old dad. What is worse, he continually threatens his father with violence, and the old man really lives in constant fear of him.

"Now, if this worthless son were only out of the way, arrangements could be made for someone to live with the old man and help him with his trade, and the remaining years of his life might be spent in comfort and happiness instead of fear and misery.

"Please tell me how he can get rid of this worthless son?"

"HUMANIST" says: *Such a scamp as you describe deserves to be turned out of the house neck and crop. Tell the old man to give his son notice to leave, and if he will not comply with it, to apply to the local magistrates.*

Neighbours

NOT everyone has a neighbour whom they can comfort with hot meals in the manner described in the "Human Document" printed above, but if you have the will, we can find the occasion for the deed. Whoever is in want is your neighbour and you can play the Good Samaritan by sending a subscription to "The Greatest of These—" Fund. (See page 38.)

"SOME years ago I was divorced from my wife and, after a while, I married again, my second wife being a woman who was quite unknown to me at the time of my first matrimonial disaster.

Awkward Dilemma

"My second marriage turned out to be much more fortunate than the first; we have been perfectly happy together and our joy has been increased by having two children.

"The house in which we live being much larger than we need, we decided to let some of the rooms.

"Our first tenants were quite satisfactory, but, when they left recently, I found myself in a most awkward predicament, for, among the people who called to see the rooms, who should turn up but my first wife!

"I was in at the time and my wife could not help seeing the consternation on our faces. I feel that it will be more difficult than ever to explain matters now, as my wife took a great liking to the visitor and is most anxious that we should let her have the rooms.

"She finds it rather difficult to understand why I am not as enthusiastic as she is about the proposed new tenant, and she is beginning to suspect some mystery. Please tell me what to do."

"HUMANIST" says: *You should tell your wife at once of your former relationship with the woman whom she proposes to instal as a tenant in your house. Presumably she is aware that you were divorced from your first wife and the knowledge of her identity should be quite sufficient to dispel the friendliness she feels for her visitor.*

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Wounds to Heal

"Years ago my sister married against our parents' wishes and I was brought up to regard her as an outcast. I have recently discovered that her husband is a drunkard and that she is reduced to great poverty. Should I, in defiance of my parents, visit and help her?"

"Humanist" says: *Certainly you should. A daughter may often show her parents a good example, and possibly your doing so will heal the wounds that need never have been inflicted, and bridge a gap that should never have been created.*

A Guilty Secret

"My father having recently died, my mother has expressed the wish to come to live with me. She does not know, poor soul, that I am living with a man whom I cannot marry because his wife refuses to divorce him. What am I to do?"

"Humanist" says: *Much may be forgiven those who love deeply. If your liaison is excusable, your mother should understand and sympathise. Tell her all about it.*

Friendship and Duty

"I am a dock-worker and I have discovered that my best pal is engaged in smuggling drugs. I find it hard to decide whether it is my duty to inform against him."

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Our Letter Parliament

Is There a Strike?

A Wicked Stigma—Worse than Hanging—Insurance Victims

UNDER Mr. G. K. Chesterton's microscopic examination of the facts, in his article, "There is No Strike," the coalowners stand condemned of working for something outside an economic advantage. Public opinion is solid in the belief that in the issue of the coal dispute ethical and moral principles are involved. The theory that lower wages mean prosperity has been so effectively exploded that it is a matter for surprise that any body of business men still put their faith in it.—*W. Leece, Everton.*

Some Sense Left

After all the freak journalism to which we have been treated with regard to the coal stoppage, it is refreshing to learn that there is one famous man who retains his good sense, and is not afraid to express his views through so widely circulated a medium. More power to Mr. G. K. Chesterton's pen!—*A. W. B., Balham.*

Buffers in Disputes

Mr. G. K. Chesterton hits the nail on the head. The coal industry should be nationalised as soon as possible. Trade and the public have far too long been the buffers in disputes caused by the incompetent coalowners. Coal is as essential as food and water to the nation, and must, therefore, be owned by the State.—*Progress, South Croydon.*

The Patient Ass

It is particularly refreshing for a champion of nationalisation to read, in a so-called "capitalist paper," so striking a plea for State ownership of coal as is voiced by Mr. G. K. Chesterton. I would add a plea for the nationalisation of freight transport, so that a living wage for miners can be coupled with cheap coal for the poor domestic consumer.—*C. A., Clapham.*

Who's the Liar?

Mr. Chesterton tears away much that is clouding the real issue in the coal muddle. Where he appears to beg the point, however, is in taking for granted that the miners are being asked to accept a starvation wage. The mine-owners' figures show that under the new scale they will be better paid than many other trades (no regard being had, of course, to the relative danger incurred). What is one to believe?—*A. P., Leicester.*

Found Guilty

The coalowners cannot make the industry pay because, in the first place, they watered capital during the prosperous years, and, secondly, because they prefer to send the miner back to the scandalous conditions of fifty years ago, rather than admit they lack the necessary intelligence to make the industry prosperous. Let the State take the mines over, and clear out the hard-faced, cynical, inhuman owners.—*Humanist, Durham.*

Brief to-the-point letters not exceeding 100 words are invited. 5s. is paid for each letter published. Name and address essential not necessarily for publication. Envelopes must be marked "Letter Parliament."

The Masters' Strike

In deference to Mr. G. K. Chesterton, there is a strike, a very serious one. It may be a lock-out, but that is a strike of the masters, which is as justifiable as that of the workers; otherwise the workers could demand what wages they liked and work as they pleased, irrespective of the competitive system of all industry. This in a short time would ruin the whole of trade, and both masters and workers would suffer.—*J. G., Ealing.*

The Mines Charter

In connection with the article "There is No Strike," by Mr. G. K. Chesterton, in JOHN BULL of October 9, the points of the charter referred to are as follows:—"We, the undersigned, request that the British Government shall solve the problem of the coal industry by: (1) The assurance of a living wage and the re-establishment of the Seven Hours Act; (2) The nationalisation of the coal mines; (3) The reorganisation of the industry by the co-operation of consumers, workers and experts; (4) The establishment of municipal distributive agencies. Copies of the charter for signature can be obtained from me at 8, Lanier Road, London, S.E.13.—*Denis Grant King, Hon. Sec., Society for the Promotion of the British Charter for the Mines.*

Printers' Pie

(Half-a-crown is paid to the sender of every item published. Mark envelopes "Pie.")

"MANCHESTER EVENING CHRONICLE":—"Efforts are being made to invite some of the old original drivers to take their seats once again in FRONT of the HORSES."

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A Puzzling Question

You deserve the thanks of all for giving the Rev. F. W. Norwood's peace pilgrimage a "boost" while other papers have been misquoting him and holding him to derision. Why is it that the opponents of slaughter are invariably branded as traitors or cranks? Has the majority (who profess to be Christians) forgotten the Ten Commandments?—*A Francis, Ramsgate.*

Bleeding-heart Yards

Mr. Bradley is right. The modern prison system is a series of bleeding-heart yards. Solitary confinement is the greatest punishment a prisoner has to endure—rivalling the gallows for horror. Why cannot the ward system be extended to the prison proper, and not be reserved for alleged murderers, suicides and mental defectives in the prison hospital. Small wonder that men commit suicide rather than face it.—*Prison Visitor, Bristol.*

Oil the Machine

Mr. E. Roffe Thompson's article on "The Phantom Foe" should be read by all Labour leaders What hinders the progress of the Party is undoubtedly the fear in men's minds that its policy in power may prove one of destruction instead of construction—scrapping the whole machine when a little oil will put things right. Point is given to Mr. Thompson's remarks by reports from Germany of the latest cult among advanced Socialists—a renunciation of civilisation and a return to the Garden of Eden and a state of Nature for both sexes.—*F. P., Hathern.*

Deserved Contempt

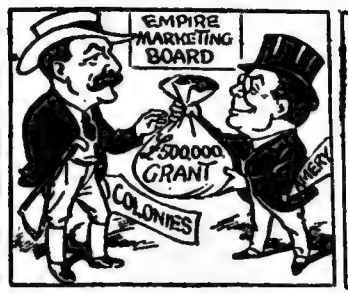
As an insurance agent, I would like to put another side to the one put before us in your articles. Ninety per cent. of the lapsed policies are due, not to poverty or the inability to pay, but to the deliberate neglect of the policy-holder. The worst cases of arrears are found in houses where wages are highest. When people spend £4 out of £5 in drink and then tell a pitiful tale when the collector calls, they cannot expect sympathy but contempt.—*F. C., Blackburn.*

[That may be so, but a drunken householder is no excuse for burglary.—ED.]

Cartoonettes and Topical Jingles

by FRANK HOLLAND

Tax-evaders—lower graders—
Chancellors regard as crooks,
But they're kinder (also blinder)
If they happen to be "dooks."



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So no case can be pleaded;
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I THINK the least said about the Cesarewitch the better. When a couple of ex-selling platers—one bought for £231 and the other retained as recently as April for the miserable sum of 150 guineas—can trounce, amongst others, a Goodwood Cup, a Newbury Cup, a Jockey Club Stakes, and a Grand Prix winner, it shows once more that racing is the greatest lottery in the world.

Nipisiquit, 10 to 1

The only ray of sunshine for me on the big race day was the success of my code selection Nipisiquit, at the nice price of 10 to 1, but I would have given pounds to have spotted the big winner instead at even half these odds. Such is racing.

The Betting Tax

My commission agent told me that Myra Gray was not on his books, and except for a few pounds each way, Miss Sport and Templestowe, he had what is known as a "skinner." Thinking this a fine opportunity, I mentioned that I should like to have an occasional bet after November 1—pole-axe day—and, in view of his wonderful year he might offer to shoulder my share of the imposition. Even Myra Gray would not make him open his heart or his purse.

Wrong 'Uns on the Warpath

I have raised the subject of the betting tax as it is imminent, and I should like to add my little word of warning to JOHN BULL readers. If you know your bookmaker and, to retain your business, he offers to pay the tax without any deductions, well and good, carry on. If, on the other hand, he adopts the ruling of the Turf Guardian Society, pays the tax on losing bets and mulcts you 3½ per cent. on winning wagers and the stakes that produced these winnings, do not throw him over in favour of the circularising tout who volunteers to bear the whole burden.

Write to Our Free Advice Service

Bogus bookmakers who have not the slightest intention of paying winning wagers will spring up like mushrooms from now on. There is a clause in the Act which states that a defaulter's licence can be withdrawn, but I do not think this will suppress the fly merchants from popping up elsewhere. A disguised photograph might obtain a fresh licence. In the course of time the law will deal effectively with these sharks, but while the going is good they will reap a rich harvest from the mug-punters who send them their hard-earned cash. The JOHN BULL Free Advice Service is at your disposal if you propose opening an account with a firm unknown to you.

Embargo Not Dead Yet

I do not intend to desert Embargo for the Cambridgeshire because he failed at Newmarket. In the Select Stakes, he finished last to Oojah and Prompt, but if he had been anywhere else he would be a super-horse. Besides giving away weight, he was conceding a year to his rivals. He stands as my selection unless revised in the code. I expect Cross Bow and Purple Shade, the two other selections which I put up when the entries were first published, to be concerned with the finish.

Quaint Queries

All sorts of quaint queries reach me by post. This week's best is: "Do mares ever throw twins?" They do, but as a rule the youngsters are not much good for racing. The last pair I can recollect were twin filly foals mothered by the Cambridgeshire winner, Zinovia.

The Millionaires' Trainer

My friend, the Editor of the *People*, tells me that he is publishing in his popular Sunday newspaper the reminiscences of Mr. Charles Morton. Mr. Morton has trained for one millionaire after another, and during his fifty years of racing he can claim to have won every classic honour the Turf has to offer.

Great Plungers of the Turf

In the *People* next Sunday, the famous trainer will write of the great gamblers he has known, legendary plungers who made bets in thousands of pounds and accepted prodigious wagers as an ordinary mortal might toss for pennies. It is all very interesting, and I am sure JOHN BULL readers will like it.

NIPISIQUIT—WON 10 to 1—

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"SILVER RING'S"

Code Selection for the

Cheveley Park Stakes at Newmarket.

FOR YOUR NOTE-BOOK

WISEACRE.—If there is a turn-up in the Northumberland Handicap Plate, Wiseacre is likely to bring about the downfall of the favourites. This is a very useful Son-in-Law gelding trained by Walters.

GAVIN will be winning another race for O'Sullivan before long. Is engaged at Doncaster on Thursday.

FAIRIELIKE FUR.—I have been waiting for this youngster for some time. If she runs at Sandown Park on Friday she should not be missed.

SOCCER.—Hartigan's two-year-old started favourite last time out at A.P. The money lost will most likely be recovered at Stockton on Saturday. The gelding is in the Blythe-holme Nursery.

CLONESPOE.—Nightingall's six-year-old was beaten by my code selection, Wings of the Morning, at Wolverhampton, but it was a case of touch and go. The Epsom trainer has Clonespoe back to his best form and he will win again before the end of the season.

ISRAFIL, third at 7 to 1, was my code tip for the race won by Helonora at Newmarket. The filly should be given another chance as she was up against a useful lot.

Heads You Win, Tails I Lose

Apropos of one or two jockeys who have recently got into hot water, a colleague reminded me of the famous defence of that fine old horseman "Speedy Payne" when asked to explain why he lost a race. "Speedy" did not beat about the bush. "My lords, dukes and admirals," he answered, "I don't care a damn. If I rides and loses you says I pulls. If I rides and wins you says I rides foul. I've got a bit of 'brass,' and a good wife, and it just comes to this, I don't care a damn!" "Speedy" should have lost his licence, but he got off scot free.

Duller Does It

Owing to his weight, it is not often George Duller is seen in the saddle during the Flat. If he does elect to take a mount it is a sure sign the horse is fancied. At Wolverhampton he made no mistake on that wayward beast, Lucky Son. He won as he wins his hurdle races, by getting off in front and leading the whole way. The success was another feather in George's cap as Donoghue (twice), C. Richards (twice), M'Cormack (twice), G. Richards, A. Burns, Shearing and Mr. G. Hartigan have all failed on Lucky Son this season. Duller has fixed up to ride for J. M. Bell, of Trespasser fame, during the coming N.H. season.

George Duller, the crack hurdle jockey

"SILVER RING."

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The code will be changed in next week's JOHN BULL. It covers the racing from Wednesday, October 20, to Tuesday, October 26.

"Soccer"

WEEK-END COUPS.

6 HOME.—Arsenal, Leeds, Hull, Preston, Stockport, Partick.

5 HOME.—Leeds, Brighton, Luton, Celtic, Hibernians.

4 HOME.—Newcastle, Preston, Stockport, Luton.

3 AWAY.—Leicester, Chesterfield, Glasgow Rangers.

3 DRAWS.—Burnley v. Huddersfield, Port Vale v. Manchester C., Falkirk v. Dundee.

3 HOME, 2 AWAY.—Leeds, Preston, Stockport, Sunderland, Glasgow Rangers.

1 HOME, 1 AWAY, 1 DRAW.—Middlesbrough, Chesterfield. Southport v. Wrexham.

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AWAY WINNER.—Preston.

DRAWS.—Darlington v. Middlesbrough, Grimsby v. Chelsea, Portsmouth v. Port Vale.

THE LEAGUE.—DIVISION III. (NORTHERN).

HOME WINNERS.—Bradford, Chesterfield, Doncaster, Nelson, New Brighton, Stoke, Walsall.

AWAY WINNERS.—Accrington, Rochdale.

DRAWS.—Rotherham v. Hartlepools, Wrexham v. Tranmere.

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BILL C. (Ely).—"Are there any rules for married life?" Only one—her's.

A. N. (Beckenham).—"There seems to be a conspiracy of silence against my poems." Join it.

I. L. (Esher).—"I haven't taken a really hot bath for the last ten years." We know that type of geyser.

J. H. (Purley).—"I'm engaged to a girl as pretty as a picture." Cubist or Futurist?

Miss G. (Uttoxeter).—"I'm afraid I'm much older than you would guess from seeing me." We doubt it.

T. H. (London, S.W.).—"A soft hat suits me." So we should imagine.

C. H. (S.W.).—"The junior partner is really the big gun of the office." Does he do the firing?

Miss O. (Watford).—"I'm always breaking into song at my work." Is that because you can't find the key?

C. B. (Egham).—"There is rubbish printed on this page." There is. But we answer it as kindly as possible.

G. T. (Islington).—"Good looks mean nothing." If some people were taken at their face value they would be bankrupt.

H. N. (Chiswick).—"I've never had my photograph taken in my life." Why not? Photographers are careless fellows.

H. N. (London, S.W.).—"I must apologise for writing to you at such length." Never mind. There was no breadth.

H. T. (Lutterworth).—"It's really a wonder how the Cabinet holds together." Possibly because it has very good screws.

M. B. (Aylesbury).—"I think you ought to be amused at enclosed story." We can assure you we've laughed at it for years.

Mrs. F. (Birmingham).—"My little boy doesn't like the open-air school." Like many another youngster he prefers schools closed.

G. M. (Tamworth).—"I hate to see girls effusively kissing one another." Naturally you hate to see them doing men's work.

MARY (Newport).—"I can get lost in a train of thought in the busiest street." And then do you find yourself in the ambulance?

M. K. (Edgware).—"It is quite impossible to live a Christian life on thirty bob a week." On the contrary, a Christian life is the only one you can live on thirty bob a week.

T. P. (Hove).—"Is the Charlston hard?" Yes, on others.

J. T. (Loughton).—"My landlord's a nuisance." A regular nuisance, we suppose.

L. N. (Victoria).—"I'm the most punctual actor in the show." But there is one who is prompter.

V. T. (Wimbledon).—"Patience is the greatest asset of the angler." A lot depends on his lie ability.

B. T. (Chelsea).—"Having a mother-in-law is no joke." Most of our comedians think it is.

B. T. H. (Devonport).—"Is a mannequin well paid?" The figure she gets is according to the one she has.

BERTHA W. (Lincoln).—"Not only do I love, but I am loved." We trust it's the same man?

S. G. (Salford).—"Her father caught me throwing a kiss." Then you caught it, we presume.

H. G. O. (Colchester).—"My wife became hysterical." Ours often becomes historical.

T. S. L. (Southport).—"My play didn't come off." So of course it did

MRS. E. S. (Plymouth).—"I want a capable cook." Have ours—she's capable of anything.

W. R. (Doncaster).—"I asked the doctor to tell me the worst." And how much was it?

T. B. (Chenies).—"Do you remember when I first started to write to you?" No. Time is a great healer

C. K. (Deal).—"I'm the best bird impersonator in the music-hall business." You certainly seem to crow well.

G. E. (Settle).—"If you won't publish these jokes let the office boy read them." We can't do that. We rather like the young fellow.

T. B. (Cheam).—"I saw an American film the other day with an excellent story." It must have crept in when the producer wasn't looking.

L. R. (Barnes).—"After a quarrel with his family he packed up and went travelling in the East." Perhaps they had told him to go to Jericho.

B. T. (Burnley).—"When television comes in you will be able to see my face when I ring up." Science can be very cruel.

R. G. (Blackburn).—"Next week I start on a trip that will take me far from any post-office." We wish you a long and successful journey.

T. B. (Basingstoke).—"Most people get indigestion by eating too much." Yes; too much, too quickly, too often.

A. F. (Lewes).—"I attended a mannequin parade with my wife." Such magnificent courage has made our rough island story what it is.

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MR. D. (Lewes).—"I know nothing about politics, Brainy man!

F. G (Baldock).—"I am going for a sailor." What has he done?

A. L. (Exeter).—"I am excited about the boom in the timber trade." Don't lose your head!

PRIVATE R. (Aldershot).—"I shave as soon as I get out of bed." Safety first!

R. S. (Spalding).—"I have just married an heiress." For better or for purse?

P. G. (Pendleton).—"The coffee was like mud." But all coffee is ground.

S B. (Buxton).—"When can I come and see you?" Any time between 12 a.m. and mid-day.

D. C. (Hitchin).—"I have just sent to London for an 80 ft. wireless pole." That was a tall order!

C. J. (Sittingbourn).—"All domestic laws are petty and tyrannical." Especially the in-laws.

A. W. (Edmonton).—"I never heard a saxophone until last week." Your luck was too good to last.

H. M. (London).—"We are forming a party to go to the races and try and back winners." A band of hope!

K. P. (Bacup).—"I write while lying in bed." And the reverse, too, evidently.

—— (Barry).—"I write to you incognito." The postman tip-toed up the stairs with your letter.

MOTOR-CYCLIST (Eldon).—"I haven't bought a beret yet." Why try to be conspicuous?

H. M. (Ely).—"My brother sticks to his cold bath these chilly mornings." Isn't the enamel dry yet?

E. J. (Hadfield).—"Women make a study of clothes." In spite of the fact that there's not much material to go on.

MOLLIE (Corbridge).—"Only two things prevent me coming to London to be a professional dancer." Your feet?

W. J. (Southend).—"At one time I was so hard up that I had to take a job as a van-driver." You did, indeed, find yourself in the cart.

B. O. (Barsham).—"The woman next door keeps a tame goose which constantly invades my garden." Why don't you try saying your initials to it?

D. R. (Woodford).—"The bell rang out so mournfully that it seemed to understand the sad news it was spreading." We suppose it had been tolled.

T. P. (Amersham).—"He doesn't know which side his bread is buttered." He can tell by dropping it. The buttered side always hits the floor.

F. J. (Finsbury).—"If you don't print this letter in full I'll never write to you again." Then we'd better take this opportunity of saying good-bye to you.

J. B. (Birmingham).—"It is possible that my last letter didn't reach you." No. The Post Office is ruthlessly accurate with your letters to us.

C. C. (Worthing).—"I've thought of an entirely new joke." Surround it with legs and you'll make your fortune out of the revue.

E J. (South Ealing). "I'm told that turkeys and fowls will be scarcer than ever this year." No wonder! We've cornered most of them for our *Bullets* Christmas Dinner Offers, starting this week.

L. T. (Purley).—"I have received the article back you returned to me. What shall I do with it now?" Give it a rest. It's not fit to travel.

CHRISSIE (Isleworth).—"I wish men wouldn't look at me." How do you know they're looking at you if you're not looking at them?

Mrs. L. (Stirling).—"There'd be a lot of money saved if wives would do all their own cooking." Husbands might certainly eat less if they did.

Miss O. (Dumfries).—"My friend is engaged to a man, but I can't see what she finds to admire in him." Possibly the fact that he admires her.

J. K. (Hellifield).—"I know I never hurt him with the blow I dealt him." You never know. Some men's heads will swell with a mere pat on the back.

Mrs. L. (Gatton Point).—"My next-door neighbour is having her voice cultivated." So, of course, you are letting yours grow wild.

G. R. (Paignton).—"What would you say if I offered you my life story for a decent fee?" Nothing. We can take a joke as well as the next person.

Mrs. Y. (Cowdenbeath).—"If British manufacturers made good articles their customers would do the pushing." Especially if the articles were baby-carriages.

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That "Which to Choose?" Problem

by **W. R. DOUGLAS SHAW**

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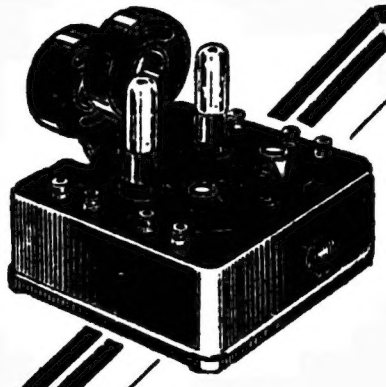

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The appeal was immediately answered and we are able this week to convey to our readers some idea of the happiness their subscriptions have brought to that distressed family by publishing, as we received it, a letter of thanks from the invalid who is suffering so severely from the great white scourge.

It was Shakespeare who described thanks as "the exchequer of the poor." Our readers will surely find in the following letter full repayment for their kindness:

There is joy in our little home this morning. The money you sent is a veritable godsend. My wife is off out round the second-hand shops this afternoon, so that she will be able to make it go as far as possible. I have a very good little wife and she does her very best on a few shillings relief.

We had no blankets and only two sheets between two beds and two of the boys have had to stay in while their shirts were being washed, but, thanks to your readers' kindness, that will be jolly soon altered, and I hope we shall be having a good feed for once in a way.

I do wish that I could write what I feel, but I can't. I am in very poor health and have little or no pleasures in life. Please do not think I am filled with self-pity. I am not, but I like to relieve my mind by telling someone.

Here I lie weeks at a stretch with no one to talk to, the wife being so deaf, and only a paper when a neighbour lends me one. I have my JOHN BULL on Wednesday which I have read since about 1910 and I save it till night so that I can pass a few of the weary hours reading it.

I bid you Goodnight and many, many thanks for the little fortune you so very kindly sent us.

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Example:—BRITAIN AND AMERICA
Bullet:—SEEKS WORK—SEEKS WORKS.

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Bullet:—ONLY "UNEMPLOYED" WE WANT.

Mr. S. J. [illegible], 5, Green Road, Ealing.
Example:—NO SMOKE
Bullet:—YET LOVERS PREFER WHISPERING.

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Mr. H. [illegible], 188, Stratford Lane, Rhodes, Birmingham.
Example:—FRESH AIR
Bullet:—CORMAN "HUMS THROUGH" CONFIDENTIAL.

Mr. S. R. [illegible], 119, Victoria Road, Aston, Birmingham.
Example:—MILLIONAIRE'S SON
Bullet:—IN LIMELIGHT *Ballet* SCENES.

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Example:—A QUICK ONE
Bullet:—SO WAS BOER'S NOSE.

Mr. W. O'REILLY, 14, Brooklands Road, London, S.W.
Example:—HEARD IN THE NURSERY
Bullet:—"LET'S PLAY BEING CHILDREN."

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Bullet:—LANDLADY'S SEEN—LANDLORD HASN'T.

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Example:—HER LUNCH
Bullet:—INTERVAL—SO STORKED EATING.

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Bullet:—WHEN "ACES" BECOME COBHAMS.

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Bullet:—MILLIONAIRE OMITS THAT "ALLOWANCE."

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Bullet:—TYPIST GETS *That* DOWN.

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TO OUR CREDIT
IF PRICES WERE HALVED
BIG BUSINESS
GOLDEN WEDDING
THANKS TO COOK
THE POLICE
SAID TO THE LODGER
TACTLESS
NOT WORKING
IF I'D KNOWN
HOPEFULLY
TOO MANY
MAKES HER SUSPICIOUS
CLUMSY FELLOW
WHAT THE CAT SAID
HER FORTUNE
CUT
HIS OVERTIME
IN ITALY
CROWDED HOUSE
TELLING
VILLAGE PUB
REGARDLESS OF EXPENSE
OF MONDAY
IN THE MIRROR
BEYOND ME
NOT MENTIONED
FOR SIXPENCE
IF FATHER WERE SON
EVERY DAY
WHAT IS THE AIR?

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Cured in One Month after Six Years' Suffering.

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"I was Cured in Twenty Days of Chronic Catarrh."

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—If you have a tendency to catch Colds easily,
—If there is a feeling of dryness in your Throat,
—If you have to clear the Throat frequently,
—If your Nose is stopped up or "stuffy,"
—If you feel tired on rising,
—If your voice is husky,
—If there is pain between or over the eyes,
—If you sneeze frequently,
—If a change in the weather affects you,
—If you suffer from frontal headaches,
—If you suffer from shortness of breath,
—If your sense of smell is affected,
—If you suffer from strange "head noises,"
—If there is a sense of fullness or pressure in your head.

Shirley Treatment Succeeds where Others Failed.

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